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**Show time** — Agnes Miller, president of the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society of Granite City, looks over a cluster of oriental poppy plants in her garden. The club, which showcases daylilies, will hold its annual Daylily Show at Alton Square at Famous Court on Saturday, June 28. Judging of the daylilies will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the off-scapes and artistic categories. After all awards are presented, the public will be admitted to view the exhibit. Admission is free.

## Deadly combination

Inquests attribute 6 traffic deaths to alcohol

Drinking and driving have been a lethal combination in Madison County in recent weeks. All six traffic deaths reviewed in this month's coroner's inquests, held Wednesday, were alcohol-related.

"We have a lot of alcohol-related fatalities anymore," Coroner Dallas Burke said. She estimated that 75 percent or more of all traffic deaths in the county involve alcohol consumption.

"It should teach people not to drink and drive," Burke said. "It just gets worse."

She said tougher drunken driving laws and enforcement "don't seem to be making a difference — in this county, anyway."

Carl A. Loftis, 37, of Alton, died May 21 when the car he was driving veered off Bethalto Road north of McCoy Road, hit a culvert and flipped and over and before coming to rest in the roadway.

Two witnesses said they saw Loftis' car passing or driving alongside another car before going out of control.

Madison County Deputy Sheriff Otis Pinkard,

"We have a lot of alcohol-related fatalities anymore. It should teach people not to drink and drive."

— Dallas Burke  
County coroner

who investigated the crash, said he thought drinking, excessive speed and the poor mechanical condition of Loftis' 1975 Dodge all played a part in the accident.

Evidence presented during the inquest indicated Loftis' blood-alcohol level was .152 percent. The legal threshold for presumption of intoxication in Illinois is .10 percent.

Timothy Lee Morrow was under the influence of alcohol and two prescription drugs when his pickup truck went out of control and collided

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## County debates dirty merf plan

Curbside recycling defended

Some Madison County officials are staunchly defending the county's existing curbside recycling plan in the face of Wood River's plans to build a different kind of recycling facility.

"They will never do it with a dirty merf," said County Board member Dick Worthen, D-Alton, referring to the mixed-waste Materials Recovery Facility proposed by Wood River.

Worthen is chairman of the county's Environmental Committee, which decided years ago not to support a dirty merf.

Worthen said he believes the only way to achieve the state-mandated minimum of 25 percent recycling is with curbside recycling.

The county's "clean merf" in Roxana processes only trash that is previously separated by residents participating in curbside recycling.

On the other hand, a "dirty merf" would

"We've reached our goals with curbside recycling. It's accepted, and the people are doing it."

— Dick Worthen  
Board member

process trash that has had only minimum separation.

Wood River held public hearings last week regarding a proposed contract with Norton Environmental of Ohio to build a dirty merf at Envirotech Business Park at Illinois Routes 3

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

**Patriots** — Brothers Bradley and Michael Spanberger, 3 and 5, respectively, wave their miniature versions of the stars and stripes while waiting for the start of the Granite City Flag Day Parade. More photos on Page 2A.

## Police probe fatal shooting

Man dies of gunshot wounds

By Mark Hodapp  
Staff writer

When Joanna Sylvest told her daughter, Kala, that her dad was killed, the three-year-old screamed.

"Who is going to take care of us?" Kala asked Joanna.

Joanna said her daughter then sat silent for a few minutes and asked what was going to happen to Vern Sylvest.

"I told her 'Daddy Vernon is going to heaven.' She then sat silent again and asked 'why?'"

"I told her, 'Daddy can fix anything and God needs help.'"

Vern Sylvest, 33, of Granite City, was killed last Sunday during an apparent drive-by shooting in north St. Louis.

St. Louis police said Sylvest, who was riding his Harley motorcycle, died from three gunshots on the corner of 21st Street and Desterhan at approximately 2:45 a.m.

Odella Jones, a spokesperson for the St. Louis Police Department, said the case remains under investigation.

"As far as a specific motive, we don't know," Jones said.

But police have not ruled out the possibility that the shooting was gang-related because

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## Coupon Cash to appear in Wednesday's Journal

Journal readers will have an extra incentive to look inside Wednesday's issue — Coupon Cash.

Debuting this month, Coupon Cash is an insert containing valuable coupons good for discounts on everything from pizza to jewelry to repair work on your car. The insert will be running on a monthly basis.

Local businesses running coupons in Wednesday's issue include Auto Glass Plus, Cost Cutters, Maaco Auto Painting & Bodyworks, Miracle Ear, Pantera's Pizza, Pappa Rizzo's, Pizza World, Ponderosa, Reineger Custom Design Jewelers, Sharon's Maid Service Inc., Ultimate Sports and West Pointe Bank.

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**5-DAY FORECAST**

John Fuller, Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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## Book recalls East St. Louis

Glen Carbon man completes third book about city

By Jason White  
Staff writer

In the 1890s, Buffalo Bill came to East St. Louis once a year to collect arrowheads for his Wild West shows.

From 1990-1992, East St. Louis was the fastest growing city in the world.

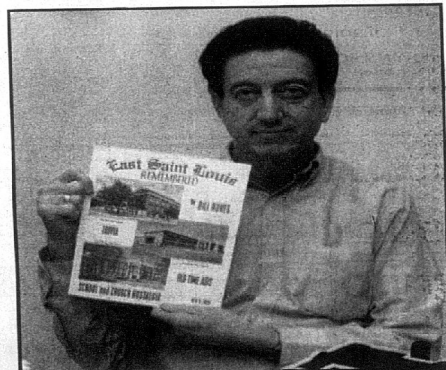
From the 1990s to the 1950s, East St. Louis was, at different times, the world's largest hog market, the country's only aluminum producer and the site of the state's first railroad.

Over 800 such facts about the city's history are in a new book, "East St. Louis Remembered," by former East St. Louis resident Bill Nunes, who now lives in Glen Carbon.

"There's very few cities in America that are as interesting as East St. Louis," Nunes said.

Nunes has written two other books on East St. Louis. In 1995, he wrote an autobiography, "Coming of Age in '40s and '50s East St. Louis." His 1996 book was a trivia calendar

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Bill Nunes displays his latest literary effort.

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## 3rd massage parlor raided

### Collinsville council considers restrictions on operation

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

Two weeks after raiding two massage parlors, Collinsville police struck again, adding a third establishment to their rounds.

Between 8:30 and 11:30 p.m. Thursday, police raided the Seasons Spa, 9500 Collinsville Road, the Far East Health Spa, 607 N. Bluff Road, and the recently opened Tokyo Spa, 206 N. Bluff Road.

As they did two weeks ago, police arrested seven women.

At Far East, Mai Suk Kim, 47, who gave an address in Jessup, Md., was charged with prostitution. Young Ja Kim, 61, of Clarksville, Tenn., who was charged June 5 with keeping a place of prostitution, was cited on the same charge. She was the only repeat offender in Thursday's raid.

At Seasons, Ki Dae Brooks, 52, of Cathedral City, Calif.; Chi Yon Lee, 44, of Flushing, N.Y.; and Sun Ok Ishihara, 44, of 9500 Collinsville Road; all were charged with unlawful operation of a massage parlor.

Maj. Ed Delmore, assistant police chief, said that is the first time officers have used that charge, a violation of city ordinance. The ordinance requires that a massage ther-

apist be licensed by the state, Delmore said.

At the Tokyo spa, which opened within days of the June 5 raid, police arrested Moyong Ja Che, 63, of Dallas for keeping a place of prostitution, and Yun Sun Williams, 42, of Kilburn, Texas, for prostitution.

"All we can do is keep arresting them when they break the law," Delmore said. "We're going to continue to enforce it."

The raid earlier this month prompted the city council to consider an ordinance requiring permits for massage parlors and their employees. The ordinance would give the department the power to shut down the businesses, something it can't do now.

"I predict they'll be operating again next week — if not today — with all new people," Delmore said.

The police department also has been working with the Illinois Attorney General's office on a version of a nuisance abatement law that might be modified to apply to massage parlors.

"But the main focus of that (statute) is drug houses, and they're backed up with those cases throughout the state," Delmore said. "This is a much lower priority."

## •Shooting

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Sylvest was a member of a street gang, Jones said.

JoAnna, who was married to Vern for three years, said her husband was not a member of a street gang.

She, however, believes the shooting was gang related.

"I lived in the area for 15 years," JoAnna said. "I've moved over here two years ago because of the gangs and the drugs." JoAnna said she learned about the shooting at about 5:30 a.m. June 15 when a Granite City police officer delivered a note to her house. The note said to call the St. Louis Police immediately.

She said Vern was going to visit a family friend.

Police said they have received few leads in the case because there were no eyewitnesses.

But JoAnna said a friend told her she saw Vern coming around the corner and heard a shot fired.

"She saw a second shot hit the motorcycle's oil tank," JoAnna said.

JoAnna said the force of that shot knocked Vern off of the motorcycle.

As Vern got up and was hiding between two parked cars, he was killed by three shots, she said.

JoAnna is now planning to hold a memorial ceremony, which will be held at 2 p.m. June 29 in Wilson Park. She said has many fond memories of her late husband.

"He was a good guy," JoAnna said. "And we had a good life together."

## Gospel show set for Shrine theater

Youth Sing Praise presents "Cotton Patch Gospel" at 7 p.m. Saturday, June 28, in the outdoor amphitheater at the national Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. Admission is free.

"Cotton Patch Gospel" is based on the book "The Cotton Version of Matthew and John." Each year, YSP gathers talented high school students from across the nation who will rehearse, pray and sing for one week in preparation for their performance.

YSP also brings together qualified pastoral musicians, youth ministers, theatrical directors, choreographers, and set designers.

For additional information regarding the performance of "Cotton Patch Gospel," call Paul Lindauer, director of youth ministry at the shrine, at 397-6700 or from St. Louis at (314) 241-3400.

## CLARIFICATION

In comments made to a reporter about receiving her doctorate degree in education, Hilda Everage, assistant superintendent of Madison School District, said she did not intend to express negative views, attitudes or statements toward students, parents or the community of Madison at large.

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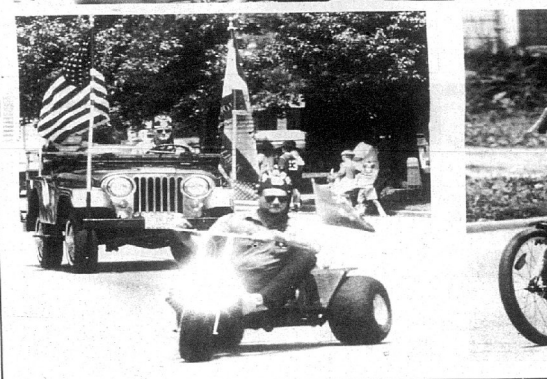
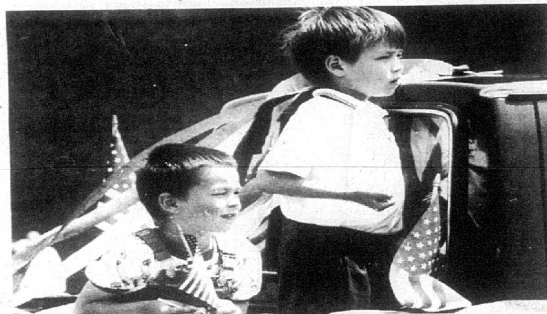
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**Flag Day** — Above, the color guard from area VFW posts marches down Madison Avenue in the Flag Day Parade last weekend in Granite City. At left, two youngsters wave their flags from the bed of a passing truck. Below left, a Shriner on a three-wheeler heads through maneuvers with his fellows. Below right, a boy rides a bike with a side car down Madison Avenue.

## County to seek lead-testing grant

State funds would pay for testing of children for lead poisoning

By Nicole Vaughn  
Staff writer

The Madison County Board has agreed to pursue a grant to fund a program that would expand lead poisoning testing for youngsters.

The grant is from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Debra Tscheschlok, personal health services manager for the Madison County Health Department, said she hopes the testing will begin later this summer. It would be run in conjunction with the department's immunization program.

In Illinois, 47 percent of children live in "high risk ZIP codes," Tscheschlok said.

In Madison County, 12 communities are considered among high risk areas, including Collinsville, Granite City and Edwardsville.

"The reasons are variable with the communities but the age of housing is a big one," Tscheschlok said. "The old Route 66 is another. In those days, gasoline was leaded — not biodegradable in the environment."

While the biggest threat of poisoning comes from children

eating contaminated soil or paint chips, inhaling contaminated dust can also be hazardous, Tscheschlok said. The most common sources of lead are lead-based paint, old toys, some antique crockery, water pipes installed before the early 1980s and industrial

poisoning of topsoils with lead products.

Some simple precautions against lead-poisoning include: washing hands before eating, eating a high-mineral and low-fat diet, cleaning up paint chips and paint dust with a damp cloth or mop and run-

ning tap water for at least 10 seconds before use, if plumbing is old.

Tscheschlok said that lead poisoning can also affect the unborn, so expectant mothers should take similar precautions.

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By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

In a three-to-one special meeting, the Beach Village Board passed a deficit budget for 1997, increasing dollar amounts in the building inspection, Contractual Services, and Tax Incremental Financing payments.

Estimated expenditures for the fiscal year will be from May 1 to April 30, 1997. Total available funds are \$2,340,850.82.

"It's been a deficit for many years, but I've seen," said Comptroller Pam Ka-

Last year's estimated available total of \$2.3 million based on Ordinance

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# Pontoon OKs deficit budget

## Building inspectors get raise

By Michelle Duell  
Staff writer

In a three-to-one vote at a special meeting, the Pontoon Beach Village Board of Trustees passed a deficit budget for fiscal year 1997-98 after increasing dollar amounts in the building inspectors' salaries, Contractual Services and Tax Increment Financing bond payments.

Estimated expenditures for the fiscal year, which runs from May 1 to April 30, are \$2,557,263. Total estimated funds available will be \$2,340,850.82.

"It's been a deficit budget for many years, from what I've seen," said Assistant Comptroller Pam Kaskeski. Last year's estimated funds available totaled \$2,127,491.75 based on Ordinance No. 652.

The estimated expenditures totaled \$2,423,250.

"So it was a deficit budget also," Kaskeski said. Trustees Bob Vincent, Lou Whitsell and Bob Abel voted to pass the budget with Trustee Irene Karlechik voting no.

Trustees Gus Falter and Randy Presswood did not attend the special meeting, held Wednesday night.

"I had other responsibilities Tuesday night," Falter said. "I had a big printing job at the office."

Randy Presswood was on vacation.

"They called a special meeting on Wednesday because Bob Vincent was going on vacation next week, and they wanted it to pass," Falter said. "There was no emergency involved."

Mayor Glen Wilson, however, said the meeting was called because he had been unable to attend the last meeting and he had some "business he wanted to take care of." Falter said he would not have voted to approve the budget.

According to a copy of the budget, \$1,827,100 from the general fund was expected to be spent, which included \$8,250 for the mayor's office; \$34,300 for the comptroller's office; \$13,100 for the village clerk's office; \$41,700 for the Building and Health Department; \$551,000 for contractual services; \$718,000 for the Police Department; \$80,000 for building maintenance; \$40,000 for the library fund; \$73,500 for the Street and Refuse Department; \$21,150 for the Humane Department and \$115,000 for contingencies.

Other expected expenses involved \$25,000 for the tourism fund; \$75,000 for I.M.R.F., Social Security and Medicare; \$80,000 for the Police Pension Fund; \$312,563 in TIP bond payments; \$100,000 for a lease; and \$125,000 for the Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

The increase made in the building inspector salaries was \$2,000 — from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Six thousand dollars was added to SIMPAC.

## PRATHER PLANTINGS



**Dig this!** — Mia Fagtonpun, above left, digs a hole for her class' tree at Prather School recently. Hyland Harris, above right, and his sixth-grade class with the tree they planted in front of the school. Prather sixth-grade teacher John Moad and his class, below left, watch as Aaron Hull starts the hole for a tree



to be planted in the island at the middle of the circle drive in front of the school. Deann Bridick's class members, below right, pose with their tree. In all, the sixth-graders of Prather School planted two dogwoods, a Bradford Pear and a dwarf plum.



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# OBITUARIES

## Clark, Joseph V. Sr.

JOSEPH V. CLARK, Sr., 67, of Collinsville died at 2:26 a.m. Wednesday, June 18, 1997, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He was born May 19, 1917, in Collinsville.

Mr. Clark was owner/operator of Diamond Plating Company in Madison for 50 years, raised and bred thoroughbred horses for more than 30 years and was a member of Elks Lodge 1063 and Thoroughbred Breeders Association. Survivors include his wife, Lorene (Greer) Clark, whom he married May 1960; one son, Robert Cox II of

Waterloo; one daughter, Gina Scatturo of Granite City; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were Saturday, June 21, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Robert W. Bishop officiating. Burial was in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Lake View Heights.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society or Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

**James, Lillian M.**

LILLIAN M. JAMES, 58, of Belleville, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:30 a.m. Friday, June 20, 1997, at her residence. Born Jan. 9, 1939, in St. Louis, she had been a resident of Granite City for 20 years prior to moving to Belleville 2 months ago.

Ms. James was a homemaker and of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include one son, Reynaldo Pena of Columbia, Mo.; two daughters, Jacqueline Yeager of Granite City and Rita Pena of Belleville; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William Eugene and Erley Becky (McNair) James, and one son, Ralph Louis James.

Visitation will begin at 3 p.m. Monday, June 23, at Warner Chapel for funerals, 3930 Lake Drive, Ponton Beach. Services will begin at 10 p.m. Monday at Warner Chapel with the Rev. Fr. Finnian officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

**Sylvest, Vern**

Memorials services for VERN SYLVEST, 33, of Granite City, who was killed Sunday, June 15, 1997, during an act of civil disobedience, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th and Alton, Madison.

Born Jan. 18, 1964, in Port Smith, Va., he had moved to St. Louis three years ago and had been a Granite City resident for 1 1/2 years. Mr. Sylvest had enjoyed 10 years of working with Lowery Carnivals.

Survivors include his wife, Johanna; one daughter, Kala; at home; two stepdaughters, Erin and Rachel Kleinschmidt; at home; his mother, Jewel Sylvest; and one brother, Mike Sylvest.

Funeral services were held in Jonesboro, Ark., Wednesday, June 18, at Greg's Funeral Home. Burial was in The Sylvest Family Cemetery, Columbia, Miss.

**Warchol, Albin T.**

ALBIN T. WARCHOL, 67, of Madison, died at 3 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 1997, at his residence following a sudden illness. He was born Sept. 22, 1929, in East St. Louis.

Mr. Warchol was a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison, St. Mary's Booster Club, Polish National Alliance, American Association of Retired Persons, Lion's Club and Disabled American Veterans Post of Madison; and a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include two daughters, Janice Forrest and Carolyn Stark, both of Glen Ellyn; one son, James Warchol of Granite City; one sister, Lorraine Foley of O'Fallon; two brothers, Louise and Jerome Warchol, both of O'Fallon; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Helen (Czekanski) Warchol; and three brothers, Fred, Edmund and Frank Warchol.

Services were Saturday, June 21, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Madison, with the Rev. Jim Keefe officiating. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Ellyn.

Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th and Alton, Madison.

## Merf

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Alton, Wood River and Granite City all have signed contracts with Norton promising to bring their trash to the dirty merf if and when it is built.

Worthen says he can't understand why anyone would want to tinker with the formula already in place.

"We've reached our goals with curbside recycling. It's accepted, and everyone is doing it," he said.

Worthen said he believes state law requires municipalities to consult with the county before adopting their own recycling plans.

In April, Laidlaw began charging \$20 per ton of recycled material dropped at the clean merf. That fee has caused some cities, such as Wood River, to raise trash rates.

Worthen acknowledged that some people are questioning the effectiveness of the clean merf because of the fee hike.

However, Worthen and other county officials said the fee is just part of a recycling industry.

"When you are dealing with an industry affected by the markets, that is what happens," Worthen said.

Joe Parente is the administrator of the Building, Environmental and Zoning Department. He said the recent fee hike was brought on by a flat market for recycled materials, especially for paper.

According to statistics that are kept largely by Laidlaw and the county themselves, the county exceeded its 25 per cent goal by 5 percent last year.

There still are some County Board members who favor the dirty merf.

Tony Bosich, D-Wood River, points to the recent fee increase as proof that the clean merf is too expensive.

"Why would people want to do all this recycling themselves and then pay for it, too?" Bosich asked rhetorically.

Worthen said he doesn't know where, if ever, the county would act to address plans for the dirty merf.

Parente said he thinks the Laidlaw facility will do fine, even without the 2,000 tons of recycled materials brought in by Alton alone last year.

Norm Chadwick, account representative with Laidlaw, said the merf processes about 900 to 1,000 tons of recycled materials every year.

— From The Telegraph

# 950 SUE students cited for scholastic achievement

More than 950 students at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville were recognized for academic achievement on Sunday, April 20, at the annual Honors Convocation.

Ceremonies were held in Meridian hall of SUE's University Center. More than 250 students received special awards.

For Honors Convocation recognition, students must maintain a grade point average of 3.50 or better (3.0 equals a B; 4.0 is equivalent to A). In addition, those students must have completed and passed at least 24 calculated hours of study at the university to be eligible for recognition.

Each year at the convocation, the SUE Foundation gives awards to the graduating male and female student with the highest four-year, grade-point averages. This year's

awards for academic excellence went to Connie Spalding, and anthropology major from Alton, and David Macklin, a civil engineering student from Watson.

During the ceremonies, Mark Bolyard, an associate professor of biological sciences, received this year's Teaching Excellence Award, which includes a \$2,000 prize. The award recognizes the outstanding faculty member of the year.

Students receiving special awards during the convocation are listed here by hometown, with the award they received:

**Fairmont City:** Mark Ogden, The Michael Levy Memorial Award.

**Granite City:** David Bradford, Dr. Leo Cohen Award in Urban Management; Meredith Chmko, Outstanding General Chemistry Student Award;

James Down, Project management Competition (2nd Place) and the Margaretha Klein Outstanding Award in Construction; Demose Dutko, Outstanding Industrial Engineering Junior Award; Michelle Kleinheider, Arm and Hammer Dental Award; Daniel Lewis, the Mimi Zanger Memorial Award in Fiction; Jeff Logsdon, Outstanding General Chemistry Student Award; Gabriel Mitchell, Outstanding Senior Student in Mathematics Award;

Charles Noud, Mark Gerdelman honors Award in Musical Composition; Karen Robertson Florence Fanning Award; James Smallwood, The Economics Alumni Graduate Student Award; Dwayne Springman, Outstanding Nursing Student Award; Valerie Wolf, Ann Heiden Wharton Memorial Nursing Award;

Adriane Yates, Christian Ott Award in Foreign Languages.

# Nursing home choice not easy

Choosing a nursing home for a loved one is a tough task, and most people avoid it until a medical emergency makes such a move necessary.

But picking a nursing home at a time of crisis isn't a good idea, experts say.

"Such times are not emotional, and you won't be able to make an informed choice," said Jamie Ziegler, admissions coordinator at Anna Henry Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Edwardsville.

Instead, when the possibility of needing a nursing home arises, begin some hands-on research.

"Living in a nursing home can be a positive experience, provided staffing is good," said Violette King of Godfrey, founder of the Nursing Home Monitors advocacy group for nursing home residents.

Ziegler and King shared the following tips recently during National Nursing Home Week.

Take the time necessary to make a good decision. "People should spend as much time choosing a nursing home as they do a car, but they don't," King said.

Look beyond decor. "Some homes are real pretty, but a pretty lobby doesn't have any effect on how many nurse aides are there or how fast a call light gets answered," Ziegler said.

Visit in person more than once. Don't depend on guided tours, King cautioned, and don't go on weekdays.

Weekends and evenings at meal times are good times to go," King said. "Get permission to talk to some other residents, especially people who use wheelchairs and need

assistance." Also, consider talking to families of residents to get their views.

When you visit, write down your observations. Jot down what you see, smell and hear.

"You should expect to hear sounds, not silence," Ziegler said. "When residents sit aside by-side in the hallways and dining rooms, you should expect to see and hear some interaction."

Check the ratio of staff members to residents. "Ask how many residents are assigned to each direct care aide," King said. Her group recommends a ratio of five residents per direct care aide in the daytime, 10 residents per direct care aide in the evening and 15 at night.

Check on the amount of activities available to residents and watch for cheerful interaction between staff members and residents.

"Is the atmosphere upbeat?" King asked.

Don't hesitate to talk

about money. "Nursing home costs range from about \$75 to \$150 daily," Ziegler said. "Make sure you know what's covered and what's not covered in that cost."

Don't assume nursing home costs will be covered by Medicare.

"Medicare covers almost nothing," Ziegler said.

Not all physicians visit nursing homes. Try to pick a home where your loved one's physician will make calls.

Check out the room size. "Rooms should be big enough that residents can navigate with wheelchairs and walkers, otherwise they may fall and break a leg or hip," King said.

If the family's funds are limited, look for a nursing home where all the beds are Medicaid-approved. King recommended. "Then, when private funds run out, the person won't be faced with moving to a different facility."

"Transferring can be traumatic," King said.

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## NEWS



**To serve and protect** — Belleville Area College recently held a graduation ceremony for Session 64 of the Police Academy. Jim E. Hutchings, left, received his graduation certificate from Kenneth Joseph, a BAC trustee. Hutchings, who will serve with the Madison Police Department, won the first place trophy for firearms.

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## Ray trying to get OK for liver transplant

He still wants to prove he didn't kill King

James Earl Ray is caught in a life-and-death battle to get a new liver so he can prove he didn't murder the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said his brother, Jerry Ray.

"James may die tomorrow or in a few months if he doesn't get a liver transplant," Jerry Ray said in a recent telephone interview.

James Earl Ray is involved in a court battle to get a trial to prove he's innocent of assassinating King on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, his brother said. Ray pleaded guilty to the murder of King and was sentenced to 99 years in a Nashville prison but later recanted his guilty plea.

"He was coerced into pleading guilty," said Jerry Ray, who visits his brother regularly in his prison cell.

The dying Ray is waiting for a call from a liver transplant surgeon at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Last Tuesday, Ray asked the surgeon to fly to Derby prison hospital at Nashville to

"If the scientist proves that the rifle did not kill Dr. King, then my brother has an excellent chance to get a trial. We will produce witnesses to testify that my brother was not near the motel where Dr. King was murdered."

— Jerry Ray  
James Ray's brother

evaluate him for a liver transplant, Jerry Ray said.

Just a day earlier, Nashville Chancery Court Judge Irvin Kilcrease had denied Ray's petition to leave the prison and go to the Pittsburgh Medical Center for the transplant examination.

"William Pepper, my brother's attorney, immediately made a formal request to the surgeon to come to the prison to examine James," Jerry Ray said.

James Earl Ray's life is

hanging in the balance while he waits for the results of scientific tests on a Remington 30.06-caliber rifle that allegedly was used to kill King. The results of those tests are to be revealed in court.

"If the scientist proves that the rifle did not kill Dr. King, then my brother has an excellent chance to get a trial," Jerry Ray said. "We will produce witnesses to testify that my brother was not near the motel where Dr. King was murdered."

Police found the rifle on a sidewalk near the Memphis flophouse where Ray stood and fired the fatal bullet at King, Memphis investigators said. Jerry Ray said his brother bought the high-powered rifle in a Birmingham, Ala., gun shop.

"My brother told me that he gave the rifle to a man named Raoul before King was killed," Ray said.

The convicted assassin of King was born in Alton on March 10, 1928, in a frame house in the 1000 block of East Ninth Street in Alton. He worked at the former International Shoe Co. tannery in Hartford.

Ray sat in his prison cell recently and wrote out instructions for his burial, his brother said.

— From The Telegraph

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## COMMENTS FROM CAROL

## The military isn't fooling around

Anyone out there who remembers the lyrics of the original "Bell Bottom Trousers"?

Not the sanitized version but the one detailing the plight caused by the young Drury Lane serving maid's response to the sailor's requests, to wit, "He asked me for a candle to light his way to bed, he asked me for a candle to light his way to bed, and I, like a silly lass, thinking it no harm, jumped into the sailor's bed to keep the sailor warm."

Luckily this young man lived still over a century ago because were he around today, there'd be one less jack-tar climbing the rigging. Instead, he'd be in a military courtroom facing one or another sexual misconduct charges and the serving maid, chief witness for the prosecution.

What began as military inquiries into serious accusations of rape, sexual harassment and abuse of power at Aberdeen, Md., has escalated into a virtual witch hunt to uncover the sex lives of any man or woman wearing the uniform, as long as it was outside the bonds of marriage, and regardless of whether or not it was consensual or how long ago it occurred.

Military rules are confusing to a lot of us civilians and this on-going brouhaha is doing little to clarify them. Rape, of course, is a crime of violence and a felony. Sexual harassment and abuse of power, which also occurs outside the military, is easily understood as a threat to what the military refers to as "good order and discipline." No one, least of all myself, wants to make a case for adultery, but as far as I know, speaking as a civilian, it's not a crime. A violation of the Commandments, a moral transgression, grounds for divorce, of course. Criminal? Not yet, and according to a recent Gallup Poll of 643 adults, 61 percent said it should not be in this country and, further, 58 percent didn't believe it should be criminal under military law.

There seems to be a difference to me, at least, in the cases of Lt. Kelly Flinn and Air Force Gen. Joseph Ralston and it's not discrimination against Flinn because of her gender. But both of them are on the outside looking in, in terms of jobs they coveted. In Flinn's case, she refused to obey orders to knock off an adulterous affair and lied about it. Therein may well lie a breach of the rules dealing with good order and discipline. So she'll never again fly a B-52.

Ralston, on the other hand, never lied about an affair he had 13 years ago with a civilian woman during a period in which he and his wife were separated. His wife, apparently, forgave him and the military appear to have ignored it at the time. Nevertheless, he won't become chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

It doesn't seem to me that, necessarily, this indicates a double standard. Certainly, no politician was going to risk going out on a limb for him in the face of a possible public backlash, but he's not out of a job.

It's puzzling, too, that in view of the fact that these military rules against sin have so often, in the past, been honored in the breach, that such a to-do is being made currently.

Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker wasn't relieved of his command during the Civil War because of his army of camp followers. We all still liked Ike after we learned of hanky-panky with his British chauffeur. And Mamie forgave him. To say nothing of our presidents (including Ike, of course) who, after all, are also Commanders-in-Chief and who fooled around. In my own lifetime, I can count at least four, maybe five.

Most of us chuckled indulgently over the fictional Maj. Frank Burns and "Hotlips" Houlihan of "M\*A\*S\*H." But until the current crusade dies down, watch out, you fellows on shore leave, and beware of that enticing, "Hey, sailor..."

Carol Clarkin is a retired newspaper reporter living in Edwardsville.

## VOICE BOX

How do you feel about the McVeigh verdict?



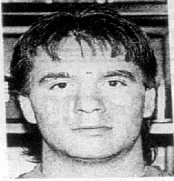
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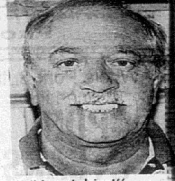
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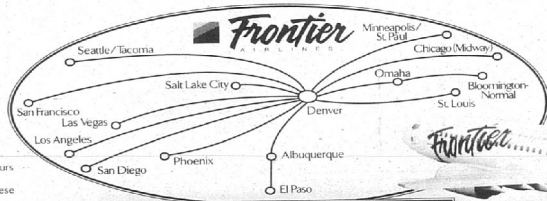
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NEWS

# Belck interviews for job at Nebraska University



Nancy Belck

SUIE Chancellor Nancy Belck interviewed Thursday with officials at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, where she is one of three finalists to become chancellor.

Belck went to Omaha Wednesday for two days of meetings and interviews with university officials. Tim Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the university in Omaha, said Wednesday.

"She will be interviewing on both Thursday and Friday. We have set up a full schedule," Fitzgerald said. Belck was scheduled to meet with campus groups, faculty, staff and deans and that she would take a tour of the campus, as well as meet with community leaders.

Belck was interviewed Thursday at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Belck was nominated for the UNO position by a friend in higher education, said Sam Smith, a spokesman at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She said she applied for the position at the urging of a former colleague, James Appleberry, president of the American Association of State Colleges & Universities.

"Chancellor Belck has said she's very happy here, and she hasn't really been looking for another position," Smith said. "But she feels it's appropriate for her to explore a new challenge like that when invited to do so."

After more such meetings Friday in Omaha, Belck was to visit Lincoln, Neb., where the central administrative office for the four-campus University of Nebraska system is located, Fitzgerald said. He said Belck would meet with L. Dennis Smith, president of the university system, as well as with members of the Board of Regents and the University of Nebraska Foundation.

UNO officials announced last Friday that Belck was among the four finalists for the job being vacated by Chancellor

Del Weber, who announced his retirement in January. Weber, who has served in the post for 20 years, will retire June 30.

One of the four finalists — Elson Floyd, executive vice chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — withdrew his name from consideration Tuesday, Fitzgerald said.

Floyd's withdrawal leaves Belck as one of three finalists. The others are Richard Flynn, dean and professor of the College of Education at UNO since 1986, and David Potter, provost and executive vice

president for academic affairs at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

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One reason UNO may be interested in Belck is her role in expanding on-campus housing at SUIE.

"We have gotten preliminary approval from the Board of Regents to look at housing proposals," Fitzgerald said. There is no on-campus housing at UNO, a commuter campus with 15,000 students enrolled last fall.

Michael Schultz, director of university housing at SUIE, said he was aware of the interest by UNO officials in developing on-campus housing.

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Vornbaum. Graduates who attended daytime classes at CCC include, from left in front row in photo at right, Stephanie Gibson of Pontoon Beach, Blanca Arnold, Tammy Hockaday and Rhonda Hutton, all of Granite City, and instructor Mary Olsen; second row, Melissa Robertson, Dolores Acosta, Sylvia Travis, all of Granite City, Robin Lynn Ford of Collinsville, Jason Kimbrell of Troy and instructor Sue Scheibal. With 589 students, BAC's 1997 GED graduating class was the largest in the history of the college's program.

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NEWS

# Investigation of Stassi widening

The investigation into alleged criminal sexual conduct by Wood River City Councilman Tony Stassi is widening and may include more victims, authorities said Thursday.

Two more women came forward Thursday with claims of alleged assault or abuse at Stassi's hands, said Madison County State's Attorney William Haine.

"I believe there are more out there," Haine said. "We've had two calls today. They are being interviewed by police."

Stassi has been charged with aggravated sexual assault of a 19-year-old woman May 9, 1996, in Alton, and of a 17-year-old woman Tuesday at his Wood River home.

He had been released from jail after paying 10 percent of a \$150,000 bail for the first offense, which was filed last November. Stassi is being held without bail at the Madison County Jail after being charged with the second offense.

Haine said the attacks reported by women who came forward Thursday may have happened too long ago to prosecute. "They may have occurred before the statute of limitations, but we can still use the information as we proceed with the more recent cases."

The two older attacks "appear to be credible and are similar in character to the other two charges," Haine said. He declined to discuss details of the older cases.

Capt. Rick McCain, chief of detectives for the Alton Police Department, said any more cases that may be reported would only help the first case against Stassi.

"This helps give our case more credibility, especially since Stassi was held in high esteem," McCain said.

Haine and McCain both encouraged calls from any other possible victims.

The numbers to call to report an assault are: Madison County State's Attorney's Office: 692-7040, Ext. 5381. Illinois State Police: 346-3700.

Wood River Police: 261-3113. Alton Police: 463-3505.

The victim from May 1996 alleged that Stassi had picked her up at gunpoint near an Alton neighborhood known for prostitution, drove her to a secluded spot and raped her at gunpoint. Police spent six months investigating the allegation.

Alton police said DNA samples taken from the victim after the rape and from Stassi show a one-in-79-million chance that the samples aren't from the same person.

The victim in Tuesday's alleged attack claims Stassi sexually assaulted her with a broomstick after she arrived at his home to clean his house.

Stassi, 40, a construction boilermaker and Democratic Party precinct committeeman, lives in a modest home near downtown Wood River.

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## Book

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called "The East St. Louis Trivia Calendar."

"In going to do one year, I found out that there are 95 black-and-white photos, five color photos and interviews with 150 people who lived or worked in East St. Louis from 1920 to 1960."

"We get our information from other people," Nunes said. "It's much more fun doing it that way."

Marilyn Watts of Belleville was one of the 150 people Nunes interviewed. She found out about the book in 1995 through a newspaper advertisement.

"I just thought it was very exciting to be a party to all of this," Watts said. "It brought back many memories for me."

Watts said she enjoys working with Nunes and plans to help with his next book. "He's eager to learn," she said. "He'll go anywhere to seek any type of information."

Watts moved to Belleville from Chicago in the early 1950's and sold real estate in East St. Louis. By 1954, she owned several real estate offices throughout the area and in East St. Louis.

"I was entirely different," she said.

The interviews are a cross-section of the ethnic groups that comprised the city: African-Americans, Armenians, Czechs, Germans, Greeks, Irish, Jews, Lithuanians and Polish. Nunes said his surname links him the Portuguese.

For his next book, Nunes is trying to contact former residents with French and Hispanic roots. "They are the only two major groups he left out of the new book, he said."

The booming industry of the city drew the different groups, Nunes said. "East St. Louis was just an industrial powerhouse; he said. "There's no city in America that could match East St. Louis for a city of that size. I can't prove that — I just know it to be true."

Nunes also claims to have the world's largest picture collection of the city. Some of the pictures in the books are from old postcards; others are taken by Nunes and then chemically aged by a photographer friend.

"I told him, 'I want you to make this building look like it did when I was a kid,'" Nunes said.

Nunes was born in East St. Louis on Sept. 1, 1939, the day Hitler invaded Poland. He graduated from East St. Louis Senior High School in 1957 and moved to Glen Carbon in 1960.

Nunes retired in 1994 from teaching social studies at Collinsville High School. For the past three years, he has devoted most of his time to writing and research. "There are no days off," he said. "It's seven days a week, working on books about East St. Louis."

Nunes, with the help of a University of Missouri-St. Louis instructor who wrote a doctoral thesis on East St. Louis, is trying to get St. Louis' Public Broadcasting Station to produce an hour-long documentary for the national PBS.

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## Inquests

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head-on with another pickup May 22 on U.S. Route 267 at Ingham Lane in Godfrey.

Morrow, 26, of East Alton, was pronounced dead at the scene. Witnesses told sheriff's deputy that Morrow's truck was traveling at high speed before it left the road. Morrow apparently overcompensated when he pulled back onto the highway, and the truck veered across the center line.

Four members of a Godfrey family in the other truck were injured.

Morrow's blood-alcohol level was .098 percent at the time of his death. Tests indicated he also had taken two prescription drugs, Xanax, used to treat anxiety, and Elavil, used to treat depression.

Two longtime friends, Curtis Logan Jr., 26, and Matthew Morrison, 25, both of Wood River, were fatally injured in a single-car accident May 24 in Wood River. A car driven by Morrison hit a concrete retaining wall at the intersection of Old St. Louis Road and Marquis Avenue.

Both men were intoxicated: Morrison with a blood-alcohol level of .175 percent and Logan with a level of .133 percent. Tests also showed that Morrison had used marijuana.

Christopher R. McCall, 30, of Glen Carbon, was intoxicated when his car crossed the center line on Illinois Route 159 near Altic, 73, of Edwardsville. May 30, McCall was pronounced dead at the scene, and Altic died later at a St. Louis hospital.

McCall's blood-alcohol level was .22 percent, more than twice the level needed for legal evidence of intoxication. Altic's death was the county's seventh alcohol-related traffic fatality in recent weeks, but there was no inquest in Madison County because he died in St. Louis. Illinois State Police Trooper Lindley Parker said there was no indication Altic had been drinking.

Kathy Haselhorst, 30, of Wood River, died of injuries suffered when a car driven by Scott D. Gilliam, 20, of Wood River, went out of control after crossing a set of railroad tracks on Wanda Road at high speed early June 1. The car "bottomed out" when it turned to the roadway 67 feet from the crossing, skidded about 326 feet before leaving the road then hit a utility pole and several trees before coming to a stop.

Gilliam, who survived the crash, had a blood-alcohol level of .185 percent. He has been charged with reckless driving, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and improper lane usage.

State's Attorney Bill Haine said Wednesday that the accident remains under investigation and that Gilliam may face additional charges.

The coroner's jury ruled all six fatalities accidental.

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## BUSINESS

## Spencer named AMSTED executive

Charles P. Spencer has been named vice president of AMSTED Industries International, it was announced by Michael T. Gallagher, president.

AMSTED Industries International (AII) is a division of AMSTED Industries. Prior to the appointment, which was effective June 1, Spencer was manager of test engineering at American Steel Foundries, a position he had held since 1983. American Steel Foundries also is a division of AMSTED Industries.

Spencer has 33 years of experience with American Steel Foundries, having joined the company in 1964 as a test engineer. In 1968, he was named project engineer, in 1970 he was named senior project engineer, and in 1979, Spencer was named assistant manager test engineering.

He earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, Ind. Spencer holds nine U.S. patents.

He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM), and of the Society of Experimental Mechanics (SEM).

Spencer served as scout master for the Boy Scouts of America for 13 years, and also served as chairman of the administrative board, lay leader and trustee for the First United Methodist Church.

He and his wife, Patricia, are the parents of four grown children and currently reside in Staunton.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRES)

**Anniversary** — The staff of Tari's Hair Designs in Granite City recently celebrated their tenth year of business. Pictured are, from left, Denise Derner, Becky Antoff, owner Tari Hanfelder-Harper, nail tech Sheryl McCormick and Erika Marshall. At right, Joe Schuler, a customer at Tari's, watches in the mirror as Denise Derner finishes giving him a trim.



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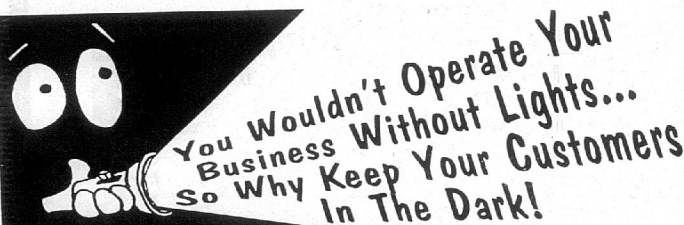
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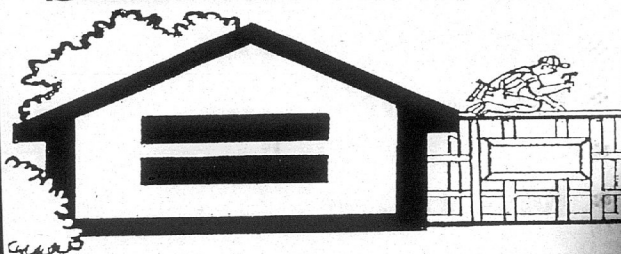
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## SUNDAY, JUNE 22

On this, the day after the summer solstice, a new life can begin. The sun has entered thoughtful Cancer, and our focus turns toward home and family. Conversations are subject to wacky turns of topic as the moon heads into Aquarius this evening. Electrical snafus can bring work to a temporary halt. The week ahead is full of practical business with fortunate financial results.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). The morning is spiritual — quiet is recommended. Experiences with service representatives can be frustrating. This evening, go into high gear. Money-making projects take off with great promise.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You can receive inspiration through silence. Messages are likely to be scrambled. Sweet talk everyone into doing it your way. Don't forget to follow through! Love a Leo.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). New experiences may be a little trying, but they're also rewarding. Stash those sudden windfalls of cash in a place where they can grow. A new friend arrives as rescuer.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The week brings a romantic overture and good news from or about a young person. Avoid gossip. Artists and poets put their nose to the grindstone. Make instructions clear to kids — then, take no excuses.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Fire up those latent ambitions. Lots of money is on its way, but so are lots of bills. Take care with possessions while cleaning them. Next week, a sincere effort brings solid respect.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (June 22). You have plenty of energy. Use it to get going on those entrepreneurial schemes and to overcome shyness with a romantic prospect. Your job is your top priority, and you get a chance to show what you're made of. In September, romance strikes without warning.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love glows in the morning. Luck comes through details. Tomorrow is a fortunate day for money-making efforts, so be sure you and your partner want the same things. Planets are opening the hands of those with lucky timing.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Next week is a busy day for job-hunting — your spirit of enterprise will be appreciated. Work on your resume today. Love a Capricorn. Conservative types try something new and unusual thanks to you.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Watch a long-shot stock take off unexpectedly. The weekend looks like fun for the whole family, especially when you take part in spectator events of all kinds. Rent a movie, and watch it with your kids.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New romances get off to a flaming start. Bustle about to make everything perfect for unexpected guests. New friendships are coming every day, and many will last forever. Next week, buy a lottery ticket.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Strike out next week to explore new territory. New information about finances and/or health comes from friends in the know. You stand out in any crowd, so it's a good thing you always look appropriate.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do a lot of listening — your broad-minded approach makes others feel comfortable. Exercise for relaxation. Quiet time between you and your true love is very important.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Enjoy a family day — include your whole family in social outings or parties. Invent something this week — ingenu-

ity is sparked by inspiration. Your new romance has to break the date, but try to for-give him or her.

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Safe Harbor: Phil Danner, Leslie and Gary O'Neal.

## Safe Harbor to sing this evening

Safe Harbor, a Festus, Mo., based Southern Gospel Music group, will appear at 6 p.m. today at the Church of the Nazarene, 1701 St. Louis Road in Collinsville.

Safe Harbor consists of Gary and Leslie O'Neal and Phil Danner.

Gary O'Neal, singing lead, has written many of the group's most requested songs, as well as songs recorded by such noted groups as: *The Dixie Echoes*, *The Lesters*, *The Brothers*, *The Melody Boys Quartet* and *Solid Gospel*, for whom he sang for eight years.

Gary's wife, Leslie, sings also for the group. An original member of Safe Harbor, she handles many of the managerial duties.

Rounding out the group's three-part vocal sound is Phil Danner, singing baritone. Phil also traveled as a member of *Solid Gospel* for more than six years.

Safe Harbor travels extensively throughout the Midwest, sharing their unique brand of ministry. Their blend of traditional Southern Gospel with a touch of Christian Country appeals to a wide range of listeners.

## Myers is bad, good in 'Austin'

At his best, Mike Myers is a manic, unlingued comic force, exhilarating and exhausting to keep up with. At his worst, he's a pathetic, undisciplined juvenile milking unfunny material — often his own — in a desperate attempt for laughs.

In *'Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery'*, an odious ode to James Bond and his ilk, Myers manages — just barely — to be both. Though the movie itself is just plain awful, with a virtually incomprehensible script that fails even at broad genre parody, Myers does manage to be hilarious in his secondary role — as "Dr. Evil," the Goldfinger-Dr. No-type archvillain.

But as *'Austin Powers'*, a weird hybrid of Napoleon Solo, Peter Turk of the Monkees and half the cast of *'Wild in the Streets'*, Myers needs to hang up his cravat and go home.

The rub is this: Powers — whose middle name actually is Danger as he reminds us repeatedly — is a misanthropic, club-hopping, polka-dot-and-stripes-wearing 1960s British secret agent who volunteers to be cryogenically frozen until his archnemesis, Dr. Evil, reappears to wreak more havoc.

Unfortunately for us, that reappearance takes place in 1997.

It goes downhill from there, with a script that combines every Rip Van Winkle joke imaginable with a barrage of genital and sex gags that abate only to make room for scatological humor. There is the odd laugh, but they're all cheap and as glibly as eating a whole cheesecake in one sitting.

The film is the kind of slapstick backlash Myers and Jim Carrey specialize in, where rubbery bodies undulating through scenes like the 1960s-style dances that appear so often in *'Austin Powers'*. But Carrey, though he can be equally lame, usually has better material.

This is not to say that Mike Myers isn't talented, as proven by both *'Saturday Night Live'* and its offshoot film, *'Wayne's World.'* But his skills seem more suited to skits, in which he can be dead-on sharp and then move on. With *'Austin Powers'*, which he also wrote and helped produce — he's been given too much artistic control. He needed an edi-

tor. His *'Austin Powers'* character is funny for the first 10 minutes, an over-the-top master of suave who suddenly finds himself in a world he never dreamed of. But his stick quickly grows tiresome, and the plot can't save it.

Female lead Elizabeth Hurley resembles a young Joan Collins without the presence. She's not awful, but without better material she should stick with Estee Lauder, where she can pout without bothering anyone.

By far the best character is Dr. Evil, played by Myers with restraint and actual nuance. Evil, in a gray, Mao-style jacket, is a hairless, hook-nosed mix of Kojak, Max Schreck's Nosferatu and Mr. Freeze from *'Batman.'*

He, too, has been frozen for 30 years (with an Angora cat that lost all its fur in the cryogenic process), and he thaws as a harangued, outdated villain whose plan for world domination includes poking a hole in the ozone layer. Been there, done that, says his henchman, played by an eye-patched and stunningly jowly Robert Wagner, in a fun supporting turn. Evil's sperm has produced a

son (Seth Green) while he's been on ice, and they go through very 1960s father-son tensions — some of the film's funniest moments.

Evil's deadpan monologue at a therapy session led by Carrie Fisher (in an uncredited role) is a classic.

But everything else — from the unending Bond parodies, including a fat Asian guy, "Random Task," who throws his shoe as Oddjob did his bowler — simply feels recycled from a melange of Myers' TV characters. Leslie Nielsen could have — and has — done this kind of material far better.

Lately, it seems, comedy means taking other eras' pop culture, dissecting it and reassembling it for a hyperinformed audience. That, admittedly, can provide a platform for satire.

But, as *'Austin Powers'* so numbingly proves, it's not enough all by itself.

*'Austin Powers'* was directed by Jay Roach and produced by Suzanne Todd, Demi Moore, Jennifer Todd and Mike Myers from a script by Mike Myers.

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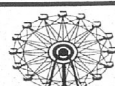
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Lindin and Sylvia Townsend celebrate their 40th anniversary today, June 22.

William Shable celebrates a birthday today, June 22.

Fin and Sylvia Townsend celebrate their 40th anniversary today, June 22.

Mary Hoover celebrates her 80th birthday today, June 22.

Natasha Lynn Kessler celebrates her 7th birthday today, June 22.

David Cook celebrates his 50th birthday today, June 22.

Jon and Carla Bunch will celebrate their 10th anniversary June 23.

Jon Bunch will celebrate his 8th birthday June 23.

Harrison "Skeeter" and Brenda (Legens) Padgett will

celebrate their 21st anniversary June 23.

Harrison "Skeeter" Padgett will celebrate his 69th birthday June 23.

Warren "Pete" and Margaret (Rogers) MacZura will celebrate their 52nd anniversary June 23.

Nathan and Natalie Kessler will celebrate their 13th anniversary June 23.

Whitney Lake will celebrate her 6th birthday June 24.

Helen Krakowicki will celebrate her 80th birthday June 24.

Carol and Kevin Martin will celebrate their 2nd anniversary June 24.

Brac Arnold will celebrate his 30th birthday June 25.

Ronnie Bason will celebrate his birthday June 25.

Doris Roberts will celebrate her birthday June 26.

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Frances Christiansen will celebrate her 19th birthday June 26.

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Charlene Crider will celebrate her 50th birthday June 27.

Valerie (Brinker) Slover will celebrate her 28th birthday June 28.

Mike Barton Jr. will celebrate his 27th birthday June 28.

Bonnie Jackson will celebrate her birthday June 28.

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Beth Cline will celebrate her 28th birthday June 28.

## SCHOOL MENUS

**June 23 - 27**  
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**TUESDAY, June 24** - Pizza, whole kernel corn, mixed fruit, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY, June 25** - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed salad w/lettuce, pineapple chunks, slices of bread, milk.

**THURSDAY, June 26** - Italian Dinkers, green beans, sliced peaches, milk.  
**FRIDAY, June 27** - Grilled cheese sandwich, celery and carrot sticks, fresh apple wedges, milk.

## Blood drive to let adults donate; kids play at stadium

The American Red Cross is inviting families to Busch Stadium for a special blood drive that will include an opportunity to watch a St. Louis Cardinals baseball game and rub feathers with Fredbird and other mascots.

The Famous Faces Family Blood Drive will be from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. June 22 at Busch Stadium. The Red Cross is seeking blood donors ages 17 and older to participate.

However, the family oriented event will have plenty of activities for kids. Fredbird, Ronald McDonald, McGruff the Crime Dog and other mascots will be roaming the grounds at the stadium.

Baseball fans will be able to watch the St. Louis Cardinals play the Cincinnati Reds while at the stadium, even though the game will be played out of town. The broadcast of the game will be on the large Diamond Vision screen at Busch, starting at 12:10 p.m.

All blood donors will receive one voucher redeemable for a ticket to any 1997 Cardinals game, except the Sept. 26 season finale.

Also on hand will be KMOX-M (1120) radio personalities Carol Daniel, Doug McElvein, Steve Jankowski, Randy Karraker and Nan Wyatt. Sandy Miller and Cree Craig, of KPLR-TV (Channel 11), also will be there.

The St. Louis 11 Kids Club Crew, with Nikki, George and Gabe, will have two live performances.

The Budweiser Clydesdales will be on display at the stadium from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. giving youngsters an opportunity to try their hands at the batting cages and other games. Four of the stadium's concession stands will be open for the event.

Parking for the Famous Faces Family Blood Drive will be free in the stadium bus lot one block south of Busch Stadium. There will be free shuttle service available to the Gate 7 stadium entrance.

Those who want to schedule a blood donation can call 1-800-445-3543. The first 500 people to sign up will receive a reserved stadium seat to watch the game. Those who arrive without a reservation are welcome to make a blood donation in the Hall of Fame Club.

The Famous Faces Family Blood Drive is sponsored by the American Red Cross, Anheuser-Busch, C/Pix Photo, Earthgrains, KMOX-AM, KPLR-TV, Parallel Design, St. Louis Cardinals, St. Louis Zoo and the Suburban Journals.

## Evangelist coming to Harvest Assembly

Evangelist Nigel J. McNeill will be holding "Holy Ghost" beginning Sunday, June 22, through Friday, June 26, at Harvest Assembly in Pontoon Beach.

McNeill is the founder and president of Revival Fire Ministries. He has been in ministry for more than 20 years and in that time, has pioneered and established churches which have seen amazing growth.

McNeill's ministry has taken him extensively through out Australia, New Zealand and the United States. He travels with his wife, Cathy, and their

two boys, Marc and Robbie.

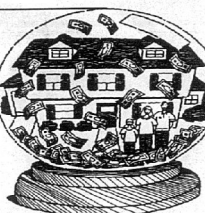
McNeill has a heart for revival to see the church come alive and for people to return to their first love. Currently, he ministers two meetings a day, six days a week.

McNeill believes the world is on the brink of a major outpouring of the Spirit of God. Already in many places in

which he has ministered, he has seen a "sovereign outpouring of joy" on which people are so free from all kinds of bondage and hurts. People are being saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

According to the Rev. Roy A. Boyer of Harvest Assembly, in recent years, there are continuing reports of "pockets of revival" taking place similar to that which began on Father's Day 1995 in Pensacola, Fla.

It's happening in all types of churches - Baptist, Methodist, Episcopalian, Catholic, Pentecostal and others - all are experiencing great awakening as God is answering the prayers for revival.



"We have been experiencing a move of God for months, which repentance has taken place and the times of refreshing" according to Acts 3:19 have occurred," Boyer said.

"During these times, we have had testimonies of God miraculously restoring family relationships, healing major diseases, delivering from addictions, and other answers to prayer. With what is already occurring here at Harvest Assembly, I'm expecting a great move of God."

Harvest Assembly is located at 4598 Illinois 162 just west of Interstate 255 in Pontoon Beach. Services are 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information on the weekday morning services, call 931-2500.

## Spring Fling winners named

The following people are winners in the Suburban Journals' Spring Fling Sweepstakes.

The grand-prize winner of a \$5,000 shopping spree at Venture is Joe Foppe.

A big-screen television from Best Buy will go to Jane Stevens.

The winners of a live performance at the Amphitheatre passes are R. Barnard, Mary Ann Lodes, Elmer J. Lodes, Frank W. Hodges, Doug Reagan, Jeannie Kuran, Sherry Clark, Carol Finkes, and Greg Lello and Mary Ann Fitzgerald.

Blockbuster one-year video package will go to Edith Wafford, Donages Smith, Becky Daugherty, Margaret Ferguson, Susan Degnan, Julie Fromberg, Richard Rabeck, Gladys Wyas, Delores Rubemeyer and Jackie Levy.

One of 50 sets of four tickets to a St. Louis Cardinals game will go to Jonia Bernosky, Herman Lofsted, Eleanor Schullert, Antoinette Dolanec, Millard Randall, Amelia Thorneck, Constance Allan, Anita Johnson, Carol Axelrod, R.O. Foster.

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## Rodeo roars into Hillsboro

live within 25 miles of the grounds are eligible to participate at local entries if they call from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 23 at 1-800-639-9002. Participant insurance is required. Proof of Coggins Test is required before entry of an animal on the rodeo grounds.

The three performances will feature the bucking horses and bulls of the Keith Hall Rodeo Co. of Ash Flat, Ark.

The rodeo is not all dust and mud.

Country singer Pamela Blair and her band from Hillsboro will perform classic country music nightly at 7 p.m.

Family Night is Thursday with children under 12 admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Special events sponsored by Southwestern Bell Telephone on Thursday only begin at 6:30 p.m. Children compete in three age groups in wooden calf roping, cow patty throwing, horseshoe throwing, "outlaw" rodeo, and western dressed contest and

rodeo clown contest.

A stick barrel racing contest will be held for ages 5 and under only.

Face painting and visits from Santa Claus, Electric Co.'s Louie the Lightning Bug and McDonald's Grimace will be part of the festivities.

The 26th Miss Jefferson County Rodeo will be crowned the evening of Saturday, June 28. Five contestants are competing for the crown currently held by Stacie Coke of Dittmer. Stacey Gerstenschlager of Hillsboro, Nicole LaFollette of Farmington, Jessica Roloff of De Soto, Cyndy Stork of House Springs and Amanda Womack of De Soto.

Tickets for adults are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the gate; children are \$2.50 advance and \$3.50 at the gate. For more information on the rodeo and advance ticket locations call the Twin City Area Chamber of Commerce in Festus at 937-7977.



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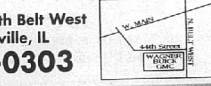
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## Medical facility coming to O'Fallon

Residents of O'Fallon and surrounding communities seeking outpatient medical services will have a new medical facility close by to go to this fall.

St. Elizabeth's Medical Park, a new 21,000-square-foot medical office complex being constructed at the corner of Schwaegel Road and Third Street in O'Fallon, should be complete by Sept. 12.

The complex is about 10 percent complete, said Michael Dean, project manager for Holmberg-Hinrichsen Construction.

Hospital assistant administrator Sister Rita Mary Brown said business will not be officially conducted at the new medical park until October.

Services being offered by St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 102 Springfield Court in O'Fallon will move to the new location.

With the new facility, it will enable St. Elizabeth's to expand our services. The new facility will have four times the amount of floor space," Executive Vice President Gerald Harman said.

Mammograms, cardiac monitoring, physical therapy treatments and basic X-rays are some of the services which will be available at the medical facility.

The medical park will boast a fully equipped magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and control room costing around \$1 million, a rehabilitation area with whirlpools, treatment and exam rooms, and an ultra sound and orthopedic area.

So far, a podiatrist has agreed to locate in the new facility, Dean said.

Plans for the new medical building began to develop after former Ward 5 Alderman Paul Lambert contacted hospital officials about the possibility of coming to O'Fallon. Lambert said officials decided to consider her suggestion due to the city's growth.

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## Summer programs open

Registration is now being taken in the Wilson Park office for youth and adult summer programs. The programs start on June 23 and run for seven weeks, parks officials said. The following programs are available: Summer recreation, mini cheerleading, gymnastics, tennis lessons, ballet/jazz/tap dancing, baseball, softball, school, girls drill team, golf lessons and swim lessons. Adult programs being offered are slimettes, step aerobics, tennis lessons and country line dancing. For more information call the Wilson Park office at 877-3059. Park IDs are also being taken from 2-4 p.m. on Monday and Thursday at Brown Recreation Center in June, July and August.

## Advocate for the elderly

### Woman seeks rights for nursing home residents

ALTON — Residents of nursing homes have rights just like everyone else, and Rosalee Johnson of Alton will talk about those rights. She will speak at meetings on Monday and Tuesday, June 23-24, at Senior Services Plus, 3512 McArthur Blvd., Alton. Johnson is a member of Nursing Home Monitors, a local, grass-roots group founded by Violette King of Godfrey. Members of the group, which includes both Illinois and Missouri residents, do advocacy work on behalf of people in nursing homes. "I'll give out a pamphlet titled 'Residents' Rights for People in Longterm Care Facilities,'" Johnson said.

The publication is put out by the Illinois Department on Aging. "Then I'll talk about the information, and I'll answer questions," Johnson said. Her programs will take place at the Senior Widows Network and the Senior Widowers Network meetings at Senior Services Plus, but they are open to the public. The program on June 23 will begin at 1:30 p.m., and the June 24 talk will begin at 9 a.m. For more information, call Roseann Robien at Senior Services Plus at 465-2298. — From The Telegraph

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SWC's handoff

What an early-June vacation East St. Louis Lincoln football coach and athletic director Jimmy Adams had. When he left Southwestern Illinois, things were fine. When he returned, Lincoln had been booted from the Southwestern Conference.

Among the items for Adams' reading was a fax sent by Southwestern Conference Commissioner Dennis Reehold of Belleville East, which said: "At a special meeting on June 13, 1997, the athletic directors and principals of the Southwestern Conference voted to rescind the probationary status of East St. Louis Lincoln. This action was taken in response to the East St. Louis School Board's removal of the intra-district boundary for high schools in District 189."

"The creation of an intra-district boundary for the East St. Louis high schools was a primary factor in the terms and conditions of Lincoln's continued probationary membership. The removal of the boundary was considered by the conference membership to be an untenable situation for the conference."

Thus, Belleville East, Belleville West, Alton, Collinsville, Edwardsville, Granite City, and East St. Louis Senior remain as members of one of the state's best prep athletic conferences.

Adams, meanwhile, can look to a summer of scheduling. "I have more than 100 games to schedule," Adams said. "I can anticipate losing six football dates with the remaining SWC members, and there's no telling how many other games in other sports will fall by the wayside."

Fortunately for Adams, the SWC will honor the football contracts for this fall, but unless the East St. Louis board does an about face regarding boundary lines in East St. Louis, you can say goodbye forever to Lincoln and the SWC. In sports other than football, contracts with Lincoln are expiring with each calendar day.

Have you ever heard of such lunacy? For years as an independent, Lincoln struggled to find opponents. It finally gets into a conference, admitted on probationary status with Edwardsville for a two-year period, but must drop from the conference due to a school board's stupidity.

That just does not make sense unless you realize that the current District 189 board is dominated by members with more loyalty to Lincoln than to East St. Louis Senior.

What does make sense is that there were athletes living closer to East Side but attending Lincoln — a matter that caused concern among the 10 officials (ADs and principals) who voted to boot Lincoln.

As early as last fall I was aware that then-East Side athletic director Dr. Art May had sent a letter to the other SWC ADs noting the addresses of East Side athletes. One week after phoning me about that, Dr. May was relieved of his duties apparently for reasons related to mishandled money vouchers.

The boundary issue, though, was as much a part, and when I asked Adams if Lincoln also would issue a letter detailing residences of its athletes, the answer was "No."

If your question now is why is East St. Louis Senior still a conference member, the answer is the treasurer (See ART, Page 3B)



Kyle Briggs will join one of the top schools on the junior college level next year at John A. Logan.

## Briggs signs with John A. Logan

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Granite City High School three-sport athlete Kyle Briggs has signed to play baseball with John A. Logan College in Carterville, Ill.

John Logan is a member of the Great Rivers Athletic Conference and is annually one of the top 25 junior college programs in the nation.

"We have won the GRAC four times in the 1990s," said men's baseball coach Jerry Halstead. "We have also won our region twice and went to the college World Series in 1992. We have been ranked in every poll this decade, have had five All-Americans in the last six years, and have seen

## BASEBALL

16 of our players go pro. We feel good about our program." John Logan is coming off a 39-16 season and a second-place finish in the conference.

Halstead expects Briggs to contribute right off the bat next season.

"We like Kyle's ability and intensity, we like his size and his hands, and we like the fact that he is a lefthanded batter," Halstead said. "We had him down for a workout and were quite impressed. We feel he is definitely a diamond in the rough."

Briggs was equally high on the college and its baseball tradition.

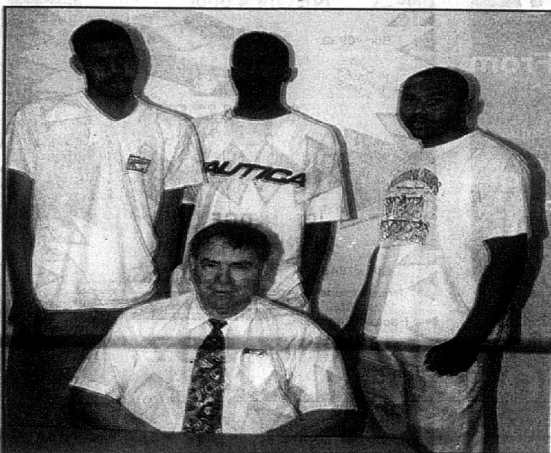
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— Jerry Halstead  
Logan coach

"What primarily interested me in John Logan was that it is an excellent junior college where I can get a very good education, and it has a top

flight baseball program where I have a good chance of playing immediately," Briggs said. Briggs' high school coach, Gus Lignoul, calls his star player "a good athlete with a good work ethic. He has great baseball skills, sets significant goals and was hard to adjust them."

"Kyle is going to be a better player at the next level," Lignoul added. "He has a quick bat that, ironically, the pitchers who gave him trouble were those who didn't throw very well. A quality pitcher with good speed and good stuff was no problem for Kyle. Those are the pitchers he will face in college and, I think, he'll do even better at the college level." (See BRIGGS, Page 3B)



Joining new coach Larry Graham (seated) at Florissant Valley College next season will be Madison High players (from left) Tywansley Patten, Brandon McGirt and Kevin Bradley.

Graham, Flo Valley  
net trio of Trojans  
Madison nucleus to join NorsemenBy Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

There's a major Madison connection at Florissant Valley Community College.

Flo Valley's new men's basketball coach is former Madison High mentor Larry Graham, who has just signed three Madison graduates to letters of intent.

Kevin Bradley, Brandon McGirt and Tywansley Patten will take their talents to the North St. Louis County school in August. With Madison, they won a sectional championship earlier this year and advanced to the Illinois Class A state tournament.

"I'm very pleased about the signing," Graham said. "Each of the boys fits my style. Each has a great deal of potential. My goal is to get them to the next level, they need both playing time and academic success to get to that level."

At Flo Valley, they will get the playing time and, like all other students, will be carefully monitored academically.

Bradley, at 6-3, 220 pounds, "already has a college body," Graham said. "He

## BASKETBALL

is very thick and muscular, very mature physically. And he is not afraid of contact. He'll probably play a lot of power forward for us next year."

Bradley averaged over 11 points and nearly nine rebounds a game for the Trojans his senior season, but knows he has some serious work to do if he is going to play successfully at the college level.

"I've got to improve my dribbling and ballhandling," he said. "Plus, I need to develop a better jump shot and increase my shooting range."

Graham said, "And the thing is, he loves to play it. He thrives on it. He also runs well and shoots well inside of 15 feet. His overall quickness is a tremendous asset, especially defensively."

Both Graham and McGirt agree that at 6-4, 185 pounds, Brandon must bulk up before the season starts.

"I've got to hit the weights to become stronger," McGirt said. "And I've got to develop a better shot. I also

(See MADISON, Page 3B)

## East skaters upend Granite City

By Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Chalk one up for the little guys.

The Prairie State Games high school hockey festival opened with a bang Tuesday night as Belleville East's Lancers of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association upset the Granite City Warriors of the powerful Mid-States Club Hockey Association 2-1 at the East Alton Ice Arena.

The Warriors' problems were twofold. They could not stop the Lancers' Ryan McKinney and they kept getting stopped by East goalie Derrick Lebyrk.

Both teams scored in an 18-second span in the first period. At 4:24, McKinney took a short pass from Justin Anderson and beat goalie Brian Reese for a 1-0 Lancers lead.

But the Warriors countered at 4:42 when Ty Suhre crashed the net and smoked an in-close shot past Lebyrk. The unassisted goal knotted the score at 1-1.

The teams remained tied until the 4:46 mark of period two, when McKinney scored again, this time off a crisp



Ty Suhre (left) battles Belleville East's Mike Harris for the puck. Suhre scored the Warriors' lone goal in Tuesday's game.

pass from John Ottomeir. Just seconds before, the Warriors had nearly poked the puck past Lebyrk at the other

end. The Lancers' counter caught the Warriors unable to get back in full coverage.

"That second goal was a real momentum changer," said Granite City coach Dave (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

Veteran  
coach back  
on courtBy Patrick C. Heston  
Staff writer

Larry Graham loves basketball. Loved to talk it. Loves to coach it.

It is that love that led Graham back to the coaching ranks after a one-year hiatus.

"I took the job at Florissant Valley Community College in late April or early May," Graham said. "My last year was at Oakville (Mo.) High School. I didn't coach. Coaching is what I really want to do. So, for the coming year, I will continue teaching at Oakville while coaching men's basketball at Flo Valley."

Graham will coach a team that won only six games last year and has

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# SPORTS STUFF



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Tri-City's Jeff Hayden follows through on a swing during last week's game against Collinsville.

## PREP BASEBALL

### METRO ST. LOUIS STATISTICS

#### Hitting Leaders

Player	Team	AB	H	AVG
Tim Pleschke, St. Mary's	19	11	658	
William Baker, Hillsboro	92	55	598	
C. Brannan, Gateway Tech	45	26	578	
Scott Stalinski, Brentwood	73	41	562	
Steve Colyer, Ft. Zumwalt S.	51	28	549	
Jarvis O'Neal, Roosevelt	51	28	549	
Greg Distler, Belleville East	88	48	545	
Ned Henderson, St. John's	55	30	545	
Alvin Morrow, Kirkwood	63	34	540	
Joe Delamonte, Dupage	63	34	540	
Kyle Beaudry, Lakeside	63	34	540	
Chad Elliott, Gateway	51	27	529	
Greg Elliott, Gateway	51	27	529	
Jason Wideman, Gateway	77	40	519	
J. Lalumond, Crystal	77	40	519	
Bryce Dunphy, Brentwood	70	36	514	
Matt Tereau, NORTC	51	26	510	
Kyle Spradling, St. Mary's	87	34	397	
Kenny Lutz, Collinsville	101	51	505	
Steve Maher, McClure	64	32	500	
Mike Casanova, Alton	20	10	500	
Ryan Glosmeyer, Howell N.	52	26	500	
W. Vaughn, Rittsburg	71	35	493	
J. Wengert, St. Vincent	71	35	493	
Joseph Albani, Roosevelt	45	22	488	
W. Azabuskas, Collinsville	41	20	488	
Chad Rallo, CBC	78	38	487	
Mike Friedman, Chambliss	78	37	467	

#### Home Runs

# SOFTBALL

Granite City Park District	
June 15	
Men's 1A	
Gateway Auto Upholstery.....	4
American Colloid.....	2
Tower Automotive.....	2
Ken's Tavern.....	1
ShIPLEY Chiropractic.....	1
Ken's Metal Shop.....	1
Hunko Steel.....	1
Ken's Lounge.....	0
Ken's Tavern.....	0
Tower Automotive 7, Ken's Lounge	0
Ken's Tavern.....	0
8	0
Hunko Steel 16, Y.T.'s 15	0
Ken's 8, American Colloid 4	0
Men's 2A	
G.C. Sox.....	3
Ken's Tavern.....	2
G.T. Productions.....	2
Outlaws.....	2
Suburban Baptist.....	2
Dalligars.....	2
Ken's Tavern.....	2
Mott Law Office.....	2
Bindy's/Country Co.....	2
Ken's Tavern.....	2
G.T. Productions 17, Matt's Muffler	0
G.C. Sox 25, Mott Law Office 19	0
Outlaws 18, Bindy's Country Com	0
ny 8	0
Dalligars 5, Suburban Baptist 1	0
Men's 3A	

#### Runs Batted In

# HOCKEY

Prairie State Games  
Hockey Fest  
at East Alton Ice Arena

**Saturday, June 21**  
Game 1: Comanches vs. Illinois Warriors, 10:30 a.m.  
Game 2: Maroons vs. Tigers, 11:45 a.m.  
Game 3: Shells vs. Xplorers, 1:15 p.m.  
Game 4: Mid-State Warriors vs. Redbirds, 5:45 p.m.

**Sunday, June 22**  
Game 1: Crusaders vs. Illinois Warriors, 10:30 a.m.  
Game 2: Lancers vs. Tigers, 1:15 a.m.  
Game 3: Xplorers vs. Comanches, 5:45 p.m.  
Game 4: Redbirds vs. Maroons, 7:15 p.m.

**Monday, June 23**  
Game 1: Illinois Warriors vs. Shells, 5:45 p.m.

#### Runs Scored

Player	Team	RS
Mark Bigger, Edwardsville	48	
John Rheeder, Gibault	47	
Brett Winkler, Westcott	45	
John Rheeder, Gibault	45	
Josh DeJarnette, Dupage	42	
Greg Althoff, Collinsville	42	
John Rheeder, Gibault	42	
Colin Gardner, Edwardsville	41	
Greg Althoff, Collinsville	41	
William Baker, Hillsboro	38	
Brian Beckman, Rittsburg	37	
John DuDette, Freeburg	37	
John DuDette, Freeburg	37	
Dustin Cowan, Alton	36	
Ryan Findley, Valley Park	36	
Paul Miles, St. Mary's	36	
Rick Hunsley, Herculaneum	36	
Brian Hunsley, Windsor	36	

## SOFTBALL

### Granite City Park District

Team	Score
Gateway Auto Upholstery	4-1
Lenny's Tavern	3-1
American Colloid	3-2
Tower Automotive	3-2
V.T.'s	3-2
Shirley Chiropractic	2-2
Mudon Metal Service	2-2
Huntco Steel	2-1
Ken's Lounge	0-4
Tower Automotive	0-4
Bottom Line Auto & Tower Automotive	0-4
Huntco Steel 16, V.T.'s 15	1-0
Lenny's 8, American Colloid 4	1-0

### Men's 3A

Team	Score
G.C. Sox	4-1
Matt's Productions	3-1
Outlaws	3-1
Hook's	3-1
Dillig's	2-3
Suburban Baptist	1-3
Mott Law Office	1-4
Bindy's/Country Co.	1-4
G.T. Productions 17, Matt's Muffler 5	3-0
G.C. Sox 26, Mott Law Office 19	3-0
Outlaws 18, Bindy's Country Company 8	3-0
Dillig's 5, Suburban Baptist 1	3-0

### Men's 4A

Team	Score
G.T. Productions 17, Matt's Muffler 5	3-0
G.C. Sox 26, Mott Law Office 19	3-0
Outlaws 18, Bindy's Country Company 8	3-0
Dillig's 5, Suburban Baptist 1	3-0

## BASEBALL

### Granite City Park District

Team	Score
Eagles	4-0
AFSCME A's	3-1
Raptors	1-2
Shirts-n-Stuff	1-2
Panthers	1-4

### AFSCME A's 14, Panthers 7

Team	Score
Cardinals	3-0
Marlins	2-1
Elks	2-1
Bobcats	1-2
Jason's Ice Cream	1-2
Quality Tire-Wildcats	0-3

### Cardinals 22, Quality Tire 9

Team	Score
Jason's Ice Cream 19, Marlins 8	3-0
Elks 21, Bobcats 17	3-0

### Stolen Bases

Keith Houston, Wentzville.....	2
Rory Fox, Alton.....	2
Dustin Cowan, Alton.....	2
Robert Rahim, Whitfield.....	2
Mark Bugger, Edwardsville.....	2
David Kee, Metro.....	2
Josh Pruneau, Crystal City.....	2
Stanley Dooley, Wellston.....	2
Ramon Davis, West Tech.....	2
James Schroeder, Francis Howell.....	2
William Baker, Hillsboro.....	2
Tim Maguire, Howell North.....	2
Raphael Trindade, Whitfield.....	2

### Total Hits

Player	Team	Hits
Josh Duffie, Freeburg		58
Adam Friedrich, Gibault		55
William Baker, Hillsboro		52
Mark Bigger, Edwardsville		51
Kenny Lutz, Collinsville		50
Josh DeJarnette, Dupu		49
Rory Fox, Alton		49
Andy Schneider, Freeburg		48
Greg Distler, Belleville East		48
Matt Evers, Edwardsville		47
John Rheinecker, Gibault		47
Adam Shafer, Troy		47
Greg Althard, Collinsville		47
Colin Gardner, Edwardsville		46
John DuDette, Freeburg		46
Brian Beckman, Rittsburg		45
John DuDette, Freeburg		45
Dustin Cowan, Alton		44
Ryan Findley, Valley Park		44
Paul Miles, St. Mary's		44
Rick Hunsley, Herculaneum		44
Brian Hunsley, Windsor		44

### Pitching Leaders

Player	Team	W	L	ERA
Mike Hunsley, Howell North	7	0	100	
Cory Lawson, Windsor	6	0	100	

### Strike Out Average

Player	Team	SO	AVG
Mike Hunsley, Howell North	7	100	
Cory Lawson, Windsor	6	100	

### Legal Eagles 7, G.C. Moose Lodge

Team	Score
Legal Eagles 7, G.C. Moose Lodge	3-0
John Danabro, St. Mary's	3-0
Cory Walz, Alton	3-0
Steve Ellis, Pinckney	3-0
S. Colyer, Ft. Zumwalt South	3-0
John Danabro, St. Mary's	3-0
Chris Barnes, Berkeley	3-0
Tim Barnett, Valley Park	3-0
Steve Maher, McClure	3-0
Dennis Tankersley, St. Charles	3-0
Justin Wadman, Gateway Tech	3-0
Dan Jackson, Lutheran S.	3-0
Donna Tankersley, St. Charles	3-0
Conner Kenney, Clayton	3-0
Cory Lawson, NORTC	3-0
Adam Nelson, NORTC	3-0

### Blue Jays 11, Business Equipment

Team	Score
Blue Jays 11, Business Equipment	3-0
Swift A's	3-0
G.C. Police Department Saints	3-0
Elks Red	3-0

### Stars 7, Chateau Trace Indians 5

Team	Score
Stars 7, Chateau Trace Indians 5	3-0
VFV 1300 Vikings	3-0
Callis Suns	3-0
Brat Garrett, LeFlore	3-0
Elks Red	3-0

### Callis Suns 15, Elks Red 8

Team	Score
Callis Suns 15, Elks Red 8	3-0
VFV 1300 S, G.C. Police Saints 2	3-0
Stars 9, Callis Suns 9	3-0

### Maniacs 16, Unicom 5

Team	Score
Maniacs 16, Unicom 5	3-0
Wildcats, Too	3-0
Little Angels	3-0
Lizzards	3-0

### Wildcats 42, Patterson Tire 4

Team	Score
Wildcats 42, Patterson Tire 4	3-0
K.C. Bears 17, First Bank Reds 13	3-0
M.H.C. 19, Evanson Chiropractic 9	3-0

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# SPORTS

## •Graham

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been totally depleted by graduation. But the former Madison High School and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville coach is excited about the players who have signed.

"We will have a very quick team with a very quick point guard," Graham said. "We will press and run all we can. I'm confident we'll have a very good year, despite the fact that we play in one of the toughest junior college conferences in the nation."

The Norsemen play in the Three Rivers Conference, which consists of such traditional powers as Three Rivers and Mineral Area, as well as area schools Meramec and Lewis & Clark.

Graham insists that the major differences between coaching high school and college basketball are three in number.

"Recruiting is the big difference, and recruiting can be brutal," he said. "Beyond that, fund raising is a major focus of a college coach's time and attention. And, then, working with the kids is very different. There's a lot more work involved in getting kids enrolled in school, helping them adjust and monitoring them academically. It's a whole different ballgame at

the collegiate level." Graham's coaching career began in 1965, when he was junior varsity coach at North Knox (Ind.) High School. Graham then moved to Illinois, where he coached high school ball at Mt. Auburn (1966), St. Elmo (1967-68) and Madison (1969-84) before an eight-year stint at SIUE (1985-92). Graham has been at Oakville High for the last five years, coaching the first four.

While at Madison, Graham took the Trojans to state six times in 15 years, amassed an 11-5 state tournament record and won a pair of convincing state championships in 1977 and 1981.

While at SIUE, Graham's teams made a trio of NCAA Division II tournament appearances, reaching the final 16 round on two occasions.

Graham belongs to an elite group of those who have been selected to the basketball hall of fame in two different states. He is in the Indiana hall of fame as a player and in the Illinois hall of fame as a coach.

"I'm looking forward to the season at Oak Valley," he said. "It's something I'm really going to enjoy."

And, why not? After all, this is Larry Graham and the game is basketball.



Jon Burns of Granite City (19) tangles with John Verrochi. The Warriors' next game is scheduled for Monday at East Alton.

## •Warriors

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Yurkovich. "We were really playing well when, all of a sudden, we ran out of gas. We were pressing and pressing, and when they countered our near-goal chances, we simply had no gas to get back on defense."

McKinney nearly scored a hat trick, finishing on a break-away with just under four minutes left in the game.

Granite City, which was outshot 24 in the first period, picked up the pace over the last two periods and finished with a shots-on-goal advantage of 15-9.

"Granite City came out trying to hit us and intimidate us," said Lancers' coach Mark McKinney. "I didn't think they shot the puck as much as they normally do. That really surprised me. They normally shoot the puck and crash the net. We knew they'd be physical. That was no surprise. But, their lack of shooting did surprise us."

"We were out of practice," Yurkovich said. "We haven't had a decent practice since we put this thing together and it was running around unorganized, not doing the things we had talked about. It's going to take a game or two to get it all together, but we'll work it out."

Still, Granite City did have many scoring chances in the last two periods, nearly scoring on at least four occasions, but could not penetrate Lebray's space.

"Lebray is tough," Yurkovich said. "We knew going in what we had to do against him. He usually stops the first shot, and you have to get the rebound in order to beat him. But we didn't get the rebounds."

McKinney also had praise for his keeper.

"Derrick is one of the top goaltenders in the area," he said. "We've been very fortunate to have him. He's been a mainstay for us for a long time. He keeps us in games. He did it tonight."

Both coaches felt East had an advantage over Granite City by virtue of having already played one game.

"It helped," McKinney said. "Playing (Monday) night was good for us. It helped us get our legs. Plus, the kids were really pumped up about this game. We could beat our old States team."

The Prairie State Games tournament continues this week at East Alton. The finals are scheduled for Sunday, June 29.

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Softball tournament

The Granite City Park District will host a softball tournament for both men and women in conjunction with its 4th of July celebration.

The tournaments will be double elimination and will run from July 2-6 at George Sykes Field. The entry fee is \$20. Register at the Wilson Park office before 5 p.m. June 30. Trophies will be awarded for first through third place in each division.

For more information, call Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

### Mud volleyball

The Granite City Park District will host a coed Mud Vol-

leyball Tournament in conjunction with the Patriots in the Park celebration. The tournament will be held July 5-6 behind Niedringhaus School and will feature five-on-five competition.

The entry fee is \$25 and must be paid at the time of registration. Register at the Wilson Park office before 5 p.m. July 2. The tournament is limited to the first 16 teams that register. There is a maximum of 10 players per team. For more information, call Ray Hoffman at 877-3059.

### Elks '86 tryouts

The Granite Elks 1986 girls soccer team will hold tryouts

for players born Aug. 1, 1985 through July 31, 1986. The tryouts will be held at 5 p.m. July 7, 9 and 14 at the BAC campus in Granite City.

All candidates must arrive wearing white shirts and shin guards, and bring a size 4 soccer ball and water. For more information or for a rain date, call 931-3053 or 931-8207.

### Soccer tryouts

The Coca-Cola Soccer Club will hold tryouts for its girls U-15 select soccer team 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 1-2 at Buden Park. The tryouts are open to girls born after Aug. 1, 1982.

For more information, call Steve Parton at (314) 916-1125.

## •Madison

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want to improve defensively. It's already the strongest part of my game, but I want to get as good on defense as I can possibly be."

Pattin is the least experienced of the three, having played basically only a year-and-a-half of high school ball. But, according to Graham, "He has the most potential of the group. He simply needs to learn to play the game. He must become mentally tougher and build up his body in order to play at the next level."

Pattin, 6-4, 170, knows that he must increase his strength.

"I have to become stronger, especially in my legs," he said. "And I know that to play at college successfully, I must work on my defense to take it to the next level."

All three Trojans mentioned academics, and Flo Valley's highly successful tutoring and academic monitoring program, as major reasons for signing with the school.

"We want to go on to the next level," Bradley said. "And so, academics is important to us."

"If they do the job academically," Graham predicts, "each of them will go on to play Division I basketball."

## •Art

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clause related to the Flyers being a charter member prior to any conference decisions related to district boundaries.

Another obvious question is related to the racial issue in a conference where Lincoln and East Side would have been the only black-dominated schools. East Side would have been the only school where the teacher was free of racial reference, but unless you understand the city of East St. Louis, you will never believe that East Side is still considered the "white" school in East St. Louis.

Saying this might even con-

fuse the likes of President Clinton, but in my eyes, the District's 181st board is nothing more than gaining whatever it felt was Lincoln's due in the 1950s when East Side, indeed, was a predominantly "white" school.

However, is this fair to the current Lincoln student-athletes to play an independent conference that would, for instance, have them traveling to Gary, Ind., for a football game? Consider the expense and well-documented financial problems in East St. Louis, and abiding to a boundary stipulation would make much more sense.

## •Briggs

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legiate level than he did at the high school level."

Which, considering the high school career Briggs put together, could mean a banner college career for the GCHS athlete.

Both Lignoul and Halstead think that if Briggs continues to play college football, he could definitely be in his future.

"All I know about my future is that I'm heading to John Logan in August and will play baseball there," Briggs said. But, for now, that's enough.

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
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# AUTOMOTIVE

## Cherokee freshens up with new a interior

By Tom Strongman

The Jeep Cherokee might better be called Cherokee Classic. Tall and boxy, it single-handedly triggered the beginning of the sport-utility vehicle (SUV) craze when it was introduced back in 1984. In the ensuing 13 years SUVs have grown softer, more luxurious and more like cars, while the Cherokee struggled to keep pace because its interior was small and it lacked many of the amenities found in the newer models.

But, like Mark Twain, news of its death was greatly exaggerated, and for 1997 it continues with renewed vigor because Chrysler Corp. has spent \$215 million on improvements. One drawback, however, is that while the base price is only \$20,460, when equipped with many of the popular options as our test car was, the price soars to \$27,330, and that puts it in competition with the plusher Grand Cherokee.

On the outside it looks much the same, despite a new grill, rounder bumpers and a lift-gate that is now lighter and easier to use.

The interior is where most of the changes have taken place. Most notable is a new dash with dual air bags and a central stack of controls for heating-cooling, audio and various incidental switches. Other improvements include new door panels with lighted window switches and an optional overhead console that contains a trip computer and bins for sunglasses and garage-door opener. These additions not only liven the interior but bring its comfort level closer to that of its competitors.

The modular dash makes it easier to accommodate a right-hand-drive model for export, which is important because one out of three Cherokees built at Chrysler's assembly plant in Toledo, Ohio, is sold outside of North America. Cherokees are also assembled in seven other countries.

Instrumentation remains a very readable combination of white numerals on a black background with orange needles. Between the front bucket seats is a full-length center console with built-in cup holders and a large storage bin.

With a 101.4-inch wheelbase it remains snug inside, with a back seat that is hard to get into and rather crowded once you're there. Credit the small back doors and intruding wheel arches for the difficulty of getting in back.

Luggage space is tight, and made even more so by the spare tire, which is mounted inside rather than underneath or on a rear rack.

A split-folding back seat adds hauling versatility, but it is not the easiest to use.

The short wheelbase, on the other hand, makes it maneuverable in the outback, so the trade-off becomes interior volume vs. off-road functionality. Folks who want to explore rugged terrain will appreciate its mobility, even though the percentage of Jeep owners who actually take their vehicles off-road consistently is quite small. Most are driven around town, and that is how I drove this one.



Improvements in the Jeep Cherokee interior include a new dash with dual air bags and a central stack of controls for heating-cooling, audio and various incidental switches.

The optional 4.0-liter, six-cylinder engine is more than adequately strong. With 190 horsepower it zips through traffic authoritatively, although it does drink fuel at the rate of 15 mpg in the city and 21 mpg on the highway when equipped with the automatic transmission.

A five-speed manual is also available. The base engine is a 2.5-liter, four-cylinder with 125 horsepower, but I would choose the larger engine for most applications.

Both engines were revised last year with aluminum pistons, and the engine block of the six has been stiffened with additional ribbing.

Our test car was equipped with Jeep's Select Trac four-wheel-drive system that gives traction to all wheels seamlessly, which is most valuable in bad weather conditions.

Changes to the Cherokee have brought it up to snuff in terms of safety and convenience, but it remains small inside, and our well-optioned test vehicle was pricey.

The base price of our Cherokee Sport was \$20,460. Options included air conditioning, power mirrors, leather-wrapped steering wheel, tilt steering wheel, rear wiper, traction lock-differential, trailer towing package, power windows, power locks, keyless remote entry, AM/FM stereo with compact disc player, aluminum wheels,



cruise control, fog lamps, overhead console, Select Trac system, skid plates, tow hooks, heavy duty radiator and a power driver's seat. The sticker price was \$27,330.

The basic warranty is for three years or 36,000 miles.

Point: Traditionalists will love the Cherokee's simple exterior and off-road maneuverability. The new interior makes it more comfortable and safer.

Counterpoint: The back seat remains small and hard to get into, and a well-equipped model costs as much as some Grand Cherokees.

## Racing engines are high-tech — and secret

By Rick Stoff

Companies that build cars say they can learn a lot through racing. New materials, designs and engineering techniques continually evolve through racing. However, car companies tend to keep much of that knowledge secret.

A Ford engine, built in partnership with the English company Cosworth Engineering, is used by about 40 percent of the cars in the CART PPG Cup World Series that recently visited the St. Louis area and Gateway International Raceway. Since 1992 the current Ford Cosworth XD engine and its predecessor, the XB, have won 37 races, 44 pole positions and three national championships on the CART circuit. The XD engine is used by seven racing teams and 10 drivers this season.

Ford has learned a lot through racing over its decades of life. Henry Ford demonstrated his company's capabilities through racing, with a car driven by himself and legend Barney Oldfield, many years before the Model T established the company as a volume manufacturer.

One of the current spin-offs from racing is the casting process developed by Cosworth to make the block and cylinder heads for the XD racing engine. The process also is used to produce parts for Ford's Duratec line of street engines.

Ford reports that the XD engine is based on an aluminum block and pistons, steel crankshaft and other pieces made of titanium and carbon. The engine has eight cylinders, 32 valves and a displacement of 2,650 cubic centimeters.

The engine is definitely not designed for ease of assembly and low cost. It contains more than 2,500 parts, plus another 1,500 parts in support systems.

The 1997 version of the engine produces enough horsepower to nearly equal last year's, although the rules changed to significantly reduce the permissible turbocharger boost. Ford says the engine is the most powerful it has producing even more horsepower than the V-10 Ford Zetec-R Formula One engine. How much horsepower is that? Ford won't say. That's a secret.

The new engine also is higher-revving. It turns so rapidly that its pistons accelerate at 6,000 Gs (or forces of gravity), the same acceleration rate experienced by a rifle bullet. That gives the piston an effective weight of two tons at the end of each stroke. How many revs does it take to do that? That's a secret.

There are other items on the engine specification chart that are "not released," such as the engine's weight and physical dimensions. When it comes to racing, you don't want the competitors to know all the details about your business.

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### Computers take hold of drafting

Technology brings innovations, flexibility to the industry

By Deb Sauerhage  
Correspondent

Computer aided drafting, or CAD, is still changing the drafting industry more than a decade ago.

"We'll probably see more changes in the next two years than we've seen in the past 10," said John Jacobs, coordinator for drafting technology in the Technical Education Department at Belleville Area College.

Students who choose drafting as a career can plan on continuing education as technology improves, Jacobs said.

"They will have to keep up by going back to school to improve their skills," he said. Jacobs said the introduction of computers to drafting changed the industry like word processing changed the secretarial field.

"You don't have to re-type everything," he said. "You can make changes on a drawing without having to redo the whole thing, just like cutting and pasting."

Using computers in drafting may be initially harder to learn, but the drawings are accurate and can easily be changed. The information also creates a database for future projects, so the same design won't have to be recreated. "You can use part of the drawing for another project,"

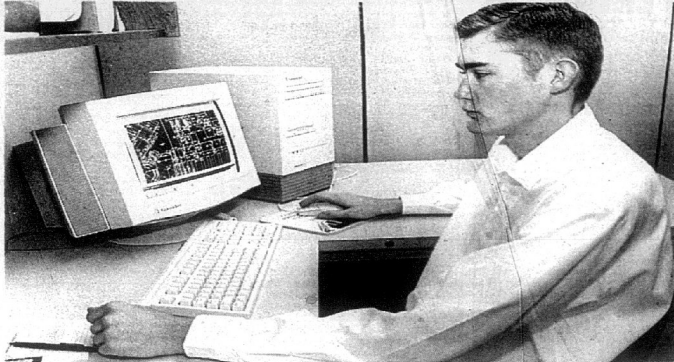
"Now the students actually have to learn more, including the computer software," John Jacobs said.

Jacobs said. "It saves time." Whether a student chooses mechanical, architectural or electrical instrumentation drafting, they still have to know the basics of their industry. The computer is only another tool, Jacobs said. "The computer doesn't tell you what to put on the drawing. You have to know drafting," he said. "Now the students actually have to learn more, including the computer software. It is more difficult, but they enjoy it more."

Don Hawk, a mechanical engineer for Technical Task Force in Granite City, said computers make his job easier.

"It speeds up the process, keeps the date uniform and makes it a little easier to do the drawing and filing," said Hawk, who has been using CAD for the past seven years.

"It's not really hard to learn and is a tool to help you work. It's a growing field."



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Aaron Gallagher of Fairview Heights works on plans for a Jerseyville church at Artec Architecture in Belleville.

### Ironworker loves his job

By Daniel J. Ladd  
Correspondent

Jobs can usually be broken into two categories: jobs that just about anyone could do, and those that require an extra ingredient — a strain of fortitude that can't come with any amount of training.

Dave Slate has one of the latter jobs. Slate, an iron worker, is part of one of the more demanding — and dangerous — jobs around.

While the phrase iron (or steel) worker covers a variety of jobs, from those who pour hot iron into molds to those who build with it,

most people usually associate the term with heavy construction — raising and binding girders and steel beams into skyscrapers.

Slate, 55, has been helping raise the St. Louis city skyline for 32 years. He helped build both Busch Stadium and the Trans World Dome. Currently, he is helping to raise the new A.G. Edwards tower Downtown.

"It is a very dangerous job," Slate said. "When you get up in the morning, you don't really know if you are going to make it home that night."

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- Attention to detail

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# Construction work requires mental, physical strength

By Julie Devlin  
Correspondent

Construction workers build many structures, from homes and buildings to the roads that lead to them.

Joe Kelly of Florissant, a self-employed construction worker, said people interested in a job in construction should be strong, skillful and have an understanding of the tools and materials they work with.

It is important to be in good physical shape because there are many days in the construction business that can feel like a strenuous workout, said Kelly.

"Construction supervisors look for laborers who can handle the hard work, possess responsibility and take pride in their job," he said.

He started his career in 1984 as a construction worker for Gillespie & Powers Inc., where he started as a hod carrier. (A "hod" is a long and wide stick that stores brick and mortar.)

His job was to carry the stick up a ladder to a second floor. "It is physically and mentally challenging because you have to concentrate on the techniques of the job while physically exerting yourself," Kelly said.

He worked as a hod carrier for a year, then was offered a job as a bricklayer. In 1986, Gillespie & Powers sent him to complete a job in Rock Springs, Wyoming, where he became a member of the Utah Bricklayers Union.

After leaving the company in 1989, Kelly decided to work independently in the field. Kelly has built homes, fences, brick barbecue pits and mailboxes. He recently completed a fireplace and is currently working on plans for an addition on a home.

The hardest part of working in construction is the physical work and the weather, he said. "The heat can be brutal, and it rains it can put me behind."

He said he still has to reach

"It's important to be physically fit because construction workers literally use every bone and muscle in their body to do the job."

— Joe Kelly  
Construction worker

a deadline, regardless of the weather, and that means having to do quality work twice as fast.

Weather can also have an effect on how much money a construction worker makes. "If it rains all day I don't work and I don't make money because most of the work I do requires me to be outdoors," Kelly said.

Most construction workers arrive at the job site by 6 a.m. and work until 3 p.m. The hours vary depending on the time of year and project deadline.

"Some construction workers begin their work at 5 a.m. during the summer so they can beat the heat," he said. "The heat can be dangerous if the right precautions aren't taken."

When working in the heat of the summer, it is important to take several short breaks and drink plenty of liquids, especially water, to prevent dehydration. Kelly said the hard work is worth it because the pay is good. Most construction workers make about \$19-\$25 an hour.

It's important to be physically fit because construction workers literally use every bone and muscle in their body to do the job," he said.



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## Customer satisfaction is tops in advertising

By Julie Devlin  
Correspondent

Attentiveness and creativity are qualities people in the advertising field and public relations display incessantly. "Listening to the customer is significant in order to produce quality work," said Mike Gentry, general manager for Liturgical Publications Inc.

He said people who are considering a career in advertising and public relations should have excellent listening skills and be genuinely concerned with the success of the company and its customers.

Gentry, 34, has been with his company since 1989. He started as a salesperson before he landed the job as general manager two years ago.

Although he manages a business and received a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Gentry took in communication helping him learn the field of public relations and advertising.

Tom Remes, associate cre-

ative director at D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles Advertising, said courses in communication and writing help candidates prepare for a career in advertising and public relations.

Remes received a bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1982. Gentry and Remes agree a bachelor's degree in communications is the academic study needed for a career in advertising and public relations.

"Entry level jobs in advertising usually start at \$20,000 a year," Remes said. He added the figures vary, depending on the size of a company. Other factors that determine salary include one's experience and position in the company.

"When a person proves to be an asset to the company it can lead to promotions, and an increase in salary," Remes said.

He said his goal is to create and sell an idea, then produce it to the customers' satisfaction.

## •Job—

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the time a roof collapsed under him during a project in the late 1960s, which left him dangling in the air until he could be rescued.

"It is not something you dwell on," he said. "It's there, but heck, you can get killed driving to work in the morning. If you think about it, you could never do anything."

He believes there could be worse things. "I'd rather do this than be cooped up in an office all day," Slate said.

Iron workers usually enter the field by taking a placement test offered each year at the local union hall. A select few who pass the test are admitted into the three-year apprenticeship program, an intensive school which teaches the student virtually every facet of steel work, from construction to welding to the proper way to tie down a girder.

Slate said St. Louis has one of the most respected training programs in the country.

"We have a very good apprenticeship program," he said. "They are turning out a lot of good workers. All over the country, people speak very highly of our program."

A downside to the field, however, is that steelworkers only get paid for the days they work. If a job is rained out, there is no paycheck. There are no paid vacations or holidays. And every steelworker goes through dry spells where work is hard to find.

Slate spent several years in the '60s traveling across the country looking for work before the job market finally opened up again in St. Louis.

But in spite of the hard work, the danger and the occasional job uncertainty, Slate enjoys his job — a feeling he suspects is shared by most of his fellow ironworkers. The dynamic aspects of the job — never staying on one project too long — along with the ability to work outdoors and with his hands, suits him fine, he believes.

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## Wood tradi

Tony Staninas in his home carves a year-round masterpiece.

On a recent workshop, Staninas was carving a pine face carver. It will be painted red, with acrylics, and be attached to a Christmas tree.

Staninas' no-nonsense saws pine, basswood, mahogany.

In the center, a table holds a carved pine face carver in a rack. A saw is used to rough Santa's blocks of wood.

Overhead him, a tool for smoothing holes. Because of emphysema, Staninas has several shavings and "Christmas" idays.

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## Woodcarver creates whimsical, traditional versions of Santa

Tony Staninas has Christmas in his heart all year. He carves Santa figures year-round to sell at Christmas.

On a recent day, he is in his workshop putting the finishing touches on a small Santa face carved in white pine. It will be sanded and painted red, white and pink with acrylics, and a hanger will be attached for hanging of a Christmas tree.

Staninas' neat shop contains saws and sanders, paints and blocks of white pine, basswood, tupelo and mahogany.

In the center of the shop a table holds sharp, wooden-handled carving tools stored in a rack. A nearby band saw is used for cutting the rough Santa shapes out of blocks of wood.

Overhead hangs a Dremel tool for smoothing rough wood and for making eye-holes. Because Staninas has emphysema, the shop contains several vacuum systems for removing wood shavings and dust.

"Christmas is a great holiday," Staninas says. "It was easy for me to get into the Christmas spirit. Since World War II, my family has gotten together in New Jersey for the holidays. We have 28 to 30 family members meeting at one house or the other for buffet dinners. The good thing about doing Christmas is the fun you can have with it and the caricatured figures you can make."

Staninas started carving Santas after his brother-in-law died four years ago and left him some blocks of wood. He took a class taught by Madge Lane at the Sanford Senior Enrichment Center. He joined the 18-member San-Lee Wood Carvers and the Sanford Brush and Paint Club.

This year he won the club's top award for wood carving with a head of Santa carved in white pine with a natural finish.

"I've always enjoyed working with wood, carpentry and cabinet making, drawing and drafting," says Staninas who graduated with a degree in industrial art education which he earned on the G.I. bill.

The first piece he carved was a Santa with a peaked cap and green jacket trimmed in gold. It was made from a pattern. He gave it to his sister for Christmas. The next Santa,

His figures traced the style changes through the years. Some are dressed in peaked caps, others in long ecclesiastic gowns colored with blue, green, red and mauve, gray and nut-colored. He started carving commercially because requests kept coming in.

the same style, was made for his sister-in-law. Then he made a blue Santa on skis for his daughter. Soon he was designing his own Santas. He researched the history of St. Nicholas. Father Christmas, the Russian Father Frost and Santa Claus before and after Clement Moore's poem "The Night Before Christmas."

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"I just wanted to take a crack at doing a craft show," he says. "They are a lot of fun and a good outlet for carving — fun experience."

Staninas has recently finished 300 Santa figures ranging from pencils to 18-inch pieces with Santa on skis, motorcycles and bicycles.

One shows Santas, his legs behind him as if blown by the wind, as he rides a "Holly Davidson" motorcycle.

A green sidecar is filled with tiny toys — a ball and baseball bat, a boat, tiny trees, skis and sled.

An egg shape shows a smiling, rosy-cheeked Santa face on one side and the other side depicts an exhausted-looking version with his fur-trimmed cap covering his eyes.

"One is the day before Christmas," says Staninas, "and the other is the day

after."

A small Santa wears an acorn shell for a hat and a mournful expression. Some figures are attached to wooden bases, like the Scandinavian Santa who skis over a snow-white surface carrying a tiny tree in his hand and a red bird on his shoulder.

A Russian-style figure wears a mauve cloak with gray fur-like trim. His long skirt is red with gold dots and he wears a distressed look on his pale face.

"That's the Russian Father Frost," Staninas says. "He is probably looking that way because he's been sent to Siberia."

There is an engineer Santa, dressed in green-striped hat and overalls, with tiny toys in his hand and a red caboose at his feet. "Bels-Nichol" dressed in royal blue holds a row of bells on leather in one hand and a tree in the other. Another wears a grape-colored suit with a green vest, striped green pants and large shoes.

"There is that bit about bad children getting coal instead of toys," Staninas says. "I sometimes include a bit of hard coal from Eastern Pennsylvania in with the toys."

Staninas and his wife, Ann, moved to Sanford six years ago after he retired as a vocational administrator in the New Jersey school system. They liked the climate and living conditions they found when they visited a cousin who lived in Sanford.

They immediately became involved with volunteer work. Staninas worked with the Center for Independent Living teaching adult to build furniture and to make repairs. He and his wife work with the Bread Basket, an organization that feeds the homeless. They pick up donated food, cook and make repairs. He also works with the Sanford Brush and Paint Club and will be the treasurer next year.

"The nice thing about being retired is that life becomes one long weekend," Staninas says. "I've found it a real pleasant experience."

Prices range from \$5 for Santa pencils to \$250 for Santa on a bicycle. Some are made for collectors from across the country.

## Growing greenery requires patience, many messes

By Cindy Alexander  
Correspondent

A long and winding road leads to the door of Matthew Chambers' place of work. The door isn't exactly the right word, because Chambers doesn't work inside in the traditional sense. His workplace is a greenhouse complex nestled among the tree-covered hills of far west St. Louis County. Fresh air, sunshine and lots of green, growing things make up Chambers' work environment.

Chambers is a plant care provider for Gilberg Perennial Farms, at 2906 Ossendorf Road in Glencoe. He is known there as, simply, "growing." His job is to assess and supply the needs of more than 40 varieties of plants. He makes sure the plants have what they need to grow: the right temperatures, moisture levels, soil content and pest control.

Chambers hadn't planned on a career in horticulture. But 20 years ago, when he was offered a job in a family-owned greenhouse, Chambers found that he liked the work and had a talent for it. Since then, he has worked for several greenhouses and has had experience with both the business and growing side of things.

Joining a family business is one way to work in horticulture. Chambers stresses, however, that the more sure route these days is through a bachelor's degree. He recommends majoring in horticulture, the art and science of growing flowers and other plants — and minoring in entomology, the study of insects. The University of Missouri-Columbia and Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield are two schools in the region that offer degrees in horticulture.

Be advised that growing work is not for everyone. Many people want to see results right away, but growing plants doesn't work that way.

"To be a grower takes a certain temperament," Chambers says. "It taught me a lot of

For those interested in horticulture, but who don't want to work in a greenhouse, there are other options, such as working in sales for a horticulture-related company. There are also research and development positions within companies and universities.

patience."

You also have to like dirt. "You're gonna have wet feet, and you're gonna have mud on you part of the time," Chambers says.

During the busy season, roughly February through May, a grower can expect to work up to 60 hours a week, Chambers says. During the rest of the year, the hours are more typical, around 40 a week.

For those interested in horticulture, but who don't want to work in a greenhouse, there are other options, such as working in sales for a horticulture-related company. There are also research and development positions within companies and universities for those who want to "grow a better tomato."

While one is not likely to get rich in the greenhouse, growing does have its rewards. For Matthew Chambers, there is satisfaction in being recognized for a job well done in growing plants that sell well.

When it's all over and the growing work is done for the season, Chambers says, the best thing is to look around the greenhouse and see "an empty floor."

## Hygienists keep patients smiling

By Julie Devlin  
Correspondent

Dental hygienists help patients prevent tooth decay by bridging the gaps with education and motivation.

"It's important that we teach patients how to take care of their teeth and gums," said Renee Schwyhart, a dental hygienist for Crestwood Dental Group.

Schwartz has been a dental hygienist for 18 years. In 1979, she received an associate's degree in dental hygiene at Southern State College in Joplin, Mo.

An associate's degree that emphasizes dental hygiene is attainable at most junior and four-year colleges. Subsequent to receiving a degree, one must take a regional and state board test, Schwartz said.

Every year dental hygienists are obligated to renew their license at a cost of \$80. It is also required that they be certified in CPR and take 45 hours of continuing education classes.

The courses are based on health, self-improvement, and the latest advancements in dentistry. Schwyhart said state laws vary, which means requirements for certification

may differ. A typical day as a dental hygienist means more than cleaning patients' teeth and reminding them to floss after meals. They X-ray teeth, anesthetize patients, and make temporary crowns and impressions of the mouth.

"We have to be aware of drug interactions, the dental history of the patient and what instruments the dentist needs to perform a given procedure," Schwyhart said.

In the dentist's office, she eases patients' anxieties by explaining step by step what procedure is needed to ensure a healthy and happy smile.

Most dental hygienists work Monday through Friday, occasionally working an evening or a Saturday, depending on the hours of the practice.

Most dental hygienists make about \$17 to \$20 an hour. They usually receive medical and dental insurance, paid vacations and profit-sharing opportunities in some cases.

She has been a member of the American Dental Hygiene Association and the Greater St. Louis Dental Hygiene Association for most of the past 18 years, periodically staying home to take care of her children.

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